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Acting Gov. Eloy S. Inos, second from left, looks on as House legal counsel Joe Taijeron, left, receives a document from Inos' legal counsel, Teresa Kim, right after the acting governor held a closed-door meeting with the legislative leadership yesterday afternoon on Capital Hill. Also in photo are press secretary Angel Demapan and Budget and Management director Vicky Villagomez, seated.

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"Had some lawmakers listened to the administration's request to pass an austerity measure to cut government spending, we won't have ended up this way."

—Rep. Ray Palacios

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Acting Gov. Eloy S. Inos warned lawmakers yesterday of payless paydays in all branches of government starting tomorrow if the Legislature fails to pass today a bill giving him the authority to reprogram funds.

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CPA penalized $176K after IRS uncovers payroll discrepancy

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The U.S. Internal Revenue Service has fined the Commonwealth Ports Authority $176,000 after a probe uncovered CPA's failure to comply with the federal agency's reporting requirements.

CPA executive director Ed Guerrero said yesterday the penalty arose from "discrepancies" uncovered in CPA's payroll system from fiscal years 2007 through

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Remains of security guard to be flown to Philippines

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The remains of a security guard who was killed in a car crash in As Perdido will be brought to the Philippines on Sunday.

Saipan Tribune learned yesterday that the parents of the deceased, Atanacio Tabuso Asuncion, had requested that he be buried in the Bicol region of that country.

The parents have not seen Asuncion for 19 years.

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Lorna Elayda Asuncion, widow of security guard Atanacio Tabuso Asuncion, and the youngest of their four children. The boy has taken to wearing the baseball cap that his late father used to wear. The boy found the cap inside the pickup truck where his father was killed. FERDIE DE LA TORRE

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Local

Student allegedly raped in Kagman

A minor student was allegedly raped in Kagman on Tuesday.

Department of Public Safety spokesman Eric David confirmed that a rape incident was reported to police but said he has no information yet regarding the location, time, and date of the alleged incident.

"I don't have the official report yet," David said.

The incident would make it the fifth rape case on Saipan this year, based on DPS records.

On May 27, a 15-year-old student was reportedly raped at Laly 4 Beach in Chalan Kanoa. The victim was injured.

The student was reportedly walking near the Chalan Kanoa Beach Club at 4:30pm on her way home from a friend's house when she was hit from behind the head and raped while unconscious.

Two males, on board a white pickup truck, have been tagged as suspects. As of yesterday, no one has been arrested in this case.

In the three other cases, DPS made one arrest, while police have leads on the suspects in the two incidents. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

Diaz, Cabrera are top KHS graduates

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Dion Shante Diaz and Bofan David Zheng Cabrera were awarded top honors during Kagman High School's graduation ceremony yesterday that saw a total of 172 students receiving their high school diplomas and certificates.

Diaz was hailed the Board of Education awardee—or the class valedictorian—during a commencement exercise held at the Kagman High campus.

The school also bestowed Diaz with five other special recognitions, including the Robert C. Byrd Scholarship, distinguished athlete, and departmental awards in language arts, mathematics, and physical education.

DION SHANTE DIAZ
Valedictorian

BOFAN DAVID ZHENG CABRERA
Salutatorian

Cabrera was named salutatorian and received the Commissioner of Education award.

He was also awarded special honors—best in mathematics, best in science, and best in social studies—during a pre-graduation awards ceremony.

Acting Gov. Eloy Inos presented the prestigious Governor's Award this year to Richard Ogumoro.

Kagman High principal Alfred Ada also named Jessel Mesa as this year's recipient of the Principal's Award, while Juavalyn San Nicolas accepted the Parents-Teachers-Student Award.

Kagman also hailed Robert Crisostomo Jr. as Kagman High's Milestone Awardee for 2010.

During a simultaneous address, the two top graduates de-

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Rapist is told to continue paying settlement money to his victim

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The federal court ordered former CNMI Immigration captain Isidro T. Cabrera yesterday to continue paying the balance of the $50,000 settlement he owes a Chinese woman whom he raped in 1996.

U.S. District Court for the NMI visiting judge Consuelo B. Marshall directed Cabrera to make $150 biweekly payments to the victim on the 15th and 30th of each month.

Marshall said the first payment, which is due no later than June 30, 2010, and all future payments shall be deposited into the victim's trust account.

The judge set the victim's motion to enforce judgment on Dec. 16, 2010. The motion was originally set for a hearing yesterday, but Cabrera made an agreement with the victim prior to coming to court.

According to court records, Cabrera was sentenced to six years in prison on Sept. 18, 1997, for rape, oral copulation, and misconduct in public office.

The victim, through counsel Joe Hill, later filed a civil lawsuit against Cabrera in federal court. Cabrera settled the civil lawsuit by promising to pay the victim $50,000.

The settlement agreement stated that if the $50,000 is not paid in full on or before March 15, 2004, then it shall bear interest at 9 percent per annum on the unpaid balance and Cabrera shall, beginning March 15, 2004, make payments of $250 on the 15th and last day of each succeeding month.

In a motion to enforce judgment, Hill said Cabrera's last payment was on Feb. 18, 2009, in the amount of $250.

Hill said that as of May 5, 2010, Cabrera has failed to make timely biweekly payments and has an outstanding balance of unpaid principal and interest of $29,921.55.

Two Senate resolutions honor ex-police chief, retired Army official

The Senate adopted yesterday a commemorative resolution paying tribute to a former police chief and a separate resolution recognizing the wedding anniversary of a retired U.S. Army official in the Pacific and his wife.

Introduced by Sen. Pete P. Reyes (R-Saipan), Senate Commemorative Resolution 17-03 aims to acknowledge the late Jose San Nicolas Babauta for his unwavering commitment and devoted service to the community. Babauta passed away on May 12.

Babauta, who joined the police force in 1965 as a corporal, rose through the ranks and got promoted as Chief of Police because of his dedication and leadership skills.

Married to Esther Rasa Babauta, he retired from service in 1988.

Meanwhile, the Senate also adopted Senate Resolution 17-19 to recognize retired Maj. Gen. Paul R. Lister and his contributions to the Saipan Echo Company, 100th Battalion, 442nd Infantry.

Lister, who joined active duty as a regular Army lieutenant, served three tours of duty in Vietnam. He commanded the 100th Battalion, 442nd Infantry from 1984 to 1988.

In his final assignment as Deputy Commanding General for the U.S. Army Pacific, Lister acknowledged the significant contributions of Reserve soldiers in the CNMI.

SR 17-19 also congratulates Mr. and Mrs. Paul R. Lister on their 50th wedding anniversary on June 12.

The resolution was co-authored by Reyes, Sen. Paul A. Manglona (Ind-Saipan), and Sen. Jude U. Hofschneider (R-Saipan). ***(Clarissa V. David)***

Kilili dissatisfied with CBP recognition of travel documents

WASHINGTON, D.C.—U.S. Rep. Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (D-MP) has registered his dissatisfaction with delays being experience by travelers from the Northern Mariana Islands to the mainland U.S.

In a letter yesterday to Alan Bersin, Commissioner of the U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Sablan said he had received reports of several instances in which travelers from the Northern Marianas had been detained because CBP officers were unfamiliar with travel authorizations issued by the Department of Homeland Security, their parent agency. Sablan said he wants Bersin to take corrective action.

"Two of the incidents reported to my office involved minor children," said Sablan. "They were traveling as members of teams representing the Northern Mariana Islands in national competitions. They had obtained all the necessary documents before leaving the NMI.

"But on arrival in the mainland these children, I am told, were separated from their adult chaperones and held for as much as five hours.

"One group actually missed their connecting flight, putting their participation in the national competition—and the performance of the team from the Northern Mariana Islands—in jeopardy."

Since the transition to federal control of immigration in the Northern Marianas began on Nov. 28, 2009, foreign nationals who go to any other part of the United States and wish to return to the Commonwealth must apply and receive a travel authorization from the Department of Homeland Security. Apparently, CBP officials at some U.S. borders are having trouble recognizing the validity of the authorizations.

Both of the incidents reported to Sablan occurred at mainland U.S. airports.

"This doesn't seem to be a problem in Hawai'i, where officials are closer to the ongoing immigration transition in the Marianas," Sablan said.

"But it should not be a problem anywhere.

"We are trying to make the immigration transition as 'least difficult' as possible; and this is just one more kink in the transition that needs to be ironed out."

Sablan wants Bersin to provide the necessary information and training to border officers to avoid future incidents. And he asked Bersin to provide specific confirmation to the Northern Marianas congressional office that these steps were being taken.

"I understand and fully support the security measures in place at all ports of entry," Sablan told Bersin.

"However, delay due to lack of knowledge by a CBP officer about types of documentation issued by the Department of Homeland Security is not acceptable, especially when it causes a minor child to be separated from an adult supervisor." ***(PR)***

DPL: Four more months before Tinian homesteaders could access their lots

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Tinian homestead lot owners may have to wait for four more months to access their lots and build their dream homes, said Public Lands Secretary Oscar M. Babauta, mainly because of needed revisions on what he described as a "quite old" homestead plan, among other things.

There are 429 Tinian families who received homestead lots from the Department of Public Lands in April 2009.

"Please bear with us as we strive diligently to make sure that all the basic requirements for the homestead are completed before homesteaders are allowed to enter and develop their individual lots," Babauta said in a June 14 letter to Sen. Jude U. Hofschneider (R-Tinian).

Hofschneider, chairman of the Tinian Legislative Delegation, earlier asked Babauta to update the delegation about the status of the homestead development on the island.

"Kindly explain to the homesteaders and ask them for little patience and allow us to complete the final phases of the basic requirements before homesteaders can access their newly required homestead lots," Babauta told Hofschneider.

Hofschneider said he's thankful for Babauta's prompt response, and that he will communicate this to homesteaders on Tinian.

Babauta said DPL is now working with the Department of Public Works to update the homestead plan for Tinian. DPW's in-house engineers are expected to complete this within the next two weeks.

Once the homestead plan is completed, DPW will issue a request for proposal for the construction of access roads and ponding basin. The deadline for responding to the RFP must be received within three weeks.

The construction of access roads and ponding basin will take approximately three months.

"Therefore, we are looking at approximately four months before homesteaders may be able to access their homestead lots. [DPW] will handle the issuance of RFP, [and] manage the construction of access road and ponding basin," Babauta told Hofschneider.

Babauta also said DPL secured the required permits from the Historic Preservation Office and the Coastal Resources Management for the homesteads development.

He said the only issue with the CNMI Division of Fish and Wildlife is the monarch, a bird that was recently de-listed and taken out of the endangered species list.

Babauta also said DPL submitted to DEQ last year the original application for earthmoving and erosion permit which had few deficiencies that are now being addressed.

DPL also mailed to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 9 on Monday a notice of intent to proceed with the Tinian homestead project, he said.

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CPA

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2009. The penalty includes interest.

"There were reporting that were not done in previous years and we're now completing them. This is a result of the review regarding all recording requirements of IRS. Based on the review, it indicates that we need to make that payment to complete CPA's reporting to IRS," he said.

The CPA board approved yesterday a request to increase CPA's operational budget for the current fiscal year in order to pay the obligation.

Guerrero said Deloitte & Touche helped the ports authority complete its reports for the IRS. To this end, the board also amended the firm's contract to reflect services it rendered to resolve the IRS issue.

The accounting firm also trained CPA personnel so they could continue doing the IRS reports on their own.

CPA OKs new contract

Besides the supplemental budget for CPA's obligation to IRS, the board also approved an additional $189,000 for its contractor, Vander Lande Industries, which fixed the mechanical deficiencies of the airport's baggage handling system.

Vander Lande Industries' original contract expired in September 2009 but was extended to January 2010.

"The supplemental budget is payment for the three-month gap that they worked on monitoring the airport's conveyor and training our people," Guerrero explained to the board.

He said the $189,000 will be sourced from CPA's passenger fee charges this year and would not affect the agency's budget.

He reported that the conveyor is now working properly and many personnel have been trained for this.

However, the baggage handling system, which the conveyor is a part of, has yet to be certified by the Transportation Security Administration.

"Part of the extended contract of the company is to assure that the equipment will be certified," Guerrero said. He expects the certification to happen within the year.

Serious defects and deficiencies in the airport's new baggage handling system were first reported in December 2009, delaying its awaited opening. The project was initiated in 2006.

The new baggage handling system is part of a major project costing about $15 million that was funded by the Federal Aviation Administration and completed in 2007. The equipment includes explosive detection system and baggage handling system, both vital in the screening process at the airport. However, the system has not been fully operational since then because it lacks FAA certification. It also failed its pre-certification by the Transportation Security Administration. Vander Lande Industries was brought in to fix the problems.

COURTESY VISIT HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

From left, U.S. Army Col. Monty Powers, director of the Reserve Affairs Office in South Korea; Lt. Col. Harry C. Blanco, Senior Reserve Components adviser at I Corps and U.S. Army Japan; and U.S. Army Col. Curtis L. King, Defense Coordinating Officer at Fort Shafter, Hawaii, make a courtesy visit on acting Gov. Eloy S. Inos on Capital Hill Tuesday.

PAYLESS

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Invoking his constitutional authority, Inos called for an emergency session of the House of Representatives and the Senate at 10am today.

He said the emergency session will be "to specifically consider a reprogramming measure in order to give the governor full reprogramming authority so as to prevent payless paydays beginning on pay date June 18, 2010."

Press secretary Angel Demapan, Senate President Paul A. Manglona (R-Rota) and Rep. Ray Palacios (Cov-Saipan) separately said the funds to be reprogrammed may have to come from independent government agencies including the Marianas Public Land Trust, the Commonwealth Development Authority and the Department of Public Lands.

"There's nowhere else to cut from government agencies so the funding should come from the outside, or independent agencies," Palacios said.

Inos called for the emergency session after holding an almost two-hour closed-door meeting with the House and Senate leadership in the governor's conference room on Capital Hill yesterday afternoon.

"It doesn't hurt to listen. Had some lawmakers listened to the administration's request to pass an austerity measure to cut government spending, we won't have ended up this way," Palacios told *Saipan Tribune* after emerging from the closed-door meeting.

The government does not have enough funds—at least $3 million—to pay for government employees in one pay period.

But Demapan and Manglona said Inos is looking at reprogramming some $6 million to cover at least two pay periods.

Because of the serious cash flow problems, the only government employees guaranteed to receive their paychecks tomorrow are police officers, firefighters, corrections officers, nurses, doctors and other essential positions or those directly involved public safety and public health.

Employees whose positions are funded by federal money will also be receiving their paychecks tomorrow if funds are deposited on time.

Demapan, Manglona, and Palacios said if the Legislature fails to pass a reprogramming bill today, then even the acting governor, lawmakers, judges and justices, along with all other officials and employees not directly involved in patient care and security will not receive their paychecks tomorrow.

Government employees on Capital Hill were anxious to hear from the lawmakers who attended the closed-door meeting to find out if they will receive their two-week salaries tomorrow.

'Not absolute authority'

Manglona, in an interview at his office later, said the Senate would like the administration to specify where it will get the money to be reprogrammed, and the amount of money to be reprogrammed.

The Senate president said the reprogramming authority to be given to the governor should only be limited to the immediate pay periods.

"We don't want to give unlimited reprogramming authority," he said, adding that the reprogramming authority bill now pending in the Senate, House Bill 17-15, HD1, is "wide open" in its present form.

Senate Floor Leader Pete P. Reyes (R-Saipan) said a compromise should be reached today to avoid a payless payday tomorrow.

Instead of introducing a new bill, Demapan said the Senate could just amend and pass HB 17-15, HD1, which the House already passed on Feb. 5, 2010.

Sen. Jovita Taimanao (Ind-Rota), in a separate interview, said she would support the passage of the reprogramming authority bill.

The Senate is expected to have floor amendments on the bill, which would be immediately transmitted to the House for approval.

Demapan said Inos will immediately sign the bill once it passes the Senate and House today, in time for tomorrow's payday.

HB 17-15, HD1, introduced by Rep. Ray N. Yumul (R-Saipan) and six other House members, authorizes the governor to reprogram funds in Fiscal Year 2010, and to provide relief to the Northern Marianas Housing Corp. for NMHC to meet its guarantor obligation in home loans.

Sen. Henry San Nicolas (Cov-Saipan), after emerging from the closed-door meeting, said, "The Senate is ready."

The looming payless payday also comes at a time when the CNMI is under a state of emergency due to lack of fuel to run the power plants. Funds had been reprogrammed to pay the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. for its immediate fuel purchases.

Blame game

The Senate held a session yesterday morning but deferred action on HB 17-15, HD1, citing the need for more time for the Senate Fiscal Affairs Committee to complete its report and recommendations on the bill.

Right before the Senate was to wrap up the session yesterday, Manglona announced that the acting governor called for a 1pm meeting with the legislative leadership.

At the time, lawmakers said they were not sure what the emergency meeting was all about.

After the closed-door meeting, other lawmakers said that, had the Senate acted on the reprogramming bill yesterday, then there may not be a need for an emergency session today and that the payroll tomorrow will not be in jeopardy.

Manglona defended the Senate's deferral of action on the bill, saying the Senate's proposed amendments would still have to go back to the House for approval. He said by the time the House acts on the Senate-amended House bill, it would still be late for Friday's payday, assuming the House approves the Senate amendments.

Still, some lawmakers said the Senate had four months from early February when the House passed HB 17-15, HD1, to work on the bill.

In March this year, the House also passed a contentious austerity bill, HB 17-45, seeking an across-the-board 10-hour work cuts every pay period to reduce government spending amid revised projected revenue.

The Senate rejected the intent of HB 17-45, introduced by Rep. Ramon Basa (Cov-Saipan), and instead amended the bill to reflect hikes in fees and taxes in lieu of reduced work hours.

The House, as expected, rejected the Senate-amended House bill, and called for a conference committee that will meet for the first time on Monday.

The Fitial administration wanted the austerity bill passed.

"The administration has long been asking for its passage. Had it been implemented, then we won't have a financial problem as severe as this," the press secretary Demapan said.

Despite the Senate rejection of the austerity bill, the Fitial administration implemented a 10-hour work cut every pay period among excepted service or contract employees in executive branch agencies.

REMAINS

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Lorna Elayda Asuncion, 39, told *Saipan Tribune* that the original plan was to cremate the body of her husband and bring his ashes to the U.S. mainland.

Lorna Asuncion arrived on Saipan Saturday night from South Carolina, where she has been working as a food service attendant at a military base. She came with her eldest child, a 16-year-old girl.

Atanacio Asuncion, 45, a Filipino, was killed when his pickup truck veered off As Perdido Road and slammed into a gutter early Thursday morning.

Asuncion had just come from his first job as a security guard at Grand Poker in Gualo Rai and was on his way to Elite Printing in Koblerville for his second job as part-time newspaper delivery personnel for the *Saipan Tribune* when the accident happened.

Lorna Asuncion said she and their eldest child left Saipan for South Carolina in July 2006 to stay with her sister. Atanacio Asuncion was left on Saipan with their three children: 13-year-old twins and an 11-year-old boy.

While in the U.S. mainland, Lorna Asuncion successfully processed the green card application of her husband.

Lorna Asuncion said that she, her husband, and their children on Saipan have constant communication. She was planning to visit Saipan upon their youngest child's graduation at San Antonio Elementary School next year.

Despite the initial reluctance of her children to go with her to the U.S. mainland, she said she was able to finally convince them to join her there with their eldest sibling. The children didn't want to move at first because they didn't want to leave their friends on Saipan.

"I'm going to miss my friends here," the youngest child said. He has taken to wearing his father's baseball cap and slippers that he found inside the pickup truck where his father was killed.

Lorna Asuncion said she was at her house when her eldest daughter called and informed her that their father had died on Saipan. Their daughter received the news from a relative on Saipan.

"I was shocked and cried. My daughter was also crying and saying she wanted to go to Saipan to see her father," Lorna Asuncion said.

She described her husband as a kind man and a good disciplinarian to their children.

She said she is very thankful to the *Saipan Tribune* and to all those who have been helping them.

The family has been holding a nightly rosary at their residence at the Sablan Compound in San Antonio. Anyone who wants to make a donation to the family may contact Grace Espinosa at 483-1940.

DIAZ

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livered messages to their fellow graduates, encouraging them to take pride in their accomplishments and continue striving for the future. Diaz and Cabrera both reminisced about the happy and unforgettable memories they shared with their classmates and lauded the many success stories behind their sacrifices and hard work.

Students on the Top 10 list were Dion Shante Diaz, Bofan David Zheng Cabrera, Miki Nadia Dela Cruz, Sakurako Madonna Koyama Halstead, Frances Lleva, Luella Lyn Orlando, Joseph Ryoichi Kumagai Jr., Remylynn Mafnas, Mindy Luka Lyzette Castro, and Elsiana Kaelika Taitano.

This year's graduation ceremony was keynoted by businessman Jose Ayuyu, who urged each graduate to do their best for themselves and for the islands. He encouraged the graduates to pursue education, seek experiences, and return to fulfill their commitment to make a better Commonwealth. He said success could only be realized through hard work, commitment, and ability to embrace change.

Kagman guard pleads not guilty; court sets no bail

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The federal court yesterday imposed no bail for a guard at the CNMI's Juvenile Detention Unit in Kagman who allegedly used his position of authority to force a ward to engage in sex acts while the minor was in custody.

U.S. District Court for the NMI visiting judge Consuelo B. Marshall ordered that Tyron Farley Reyes Fitial be detained based on the evidence presented by the U.S. government and the nature of the crime.

Marshall set the jury trial for Aug. 9, 2010, at 9am.

If Fitial wants to file a motion to modify the bail, he may file it no later than June 30, 2010, the judge said.

The 24-year-old Fitial, who appeared with court-appointed counsel Loren Sutton, pleaded not guilty to the charges.

Assistant U.S. attorney Eric O'Malley said that Fitial has a pattern of victimizing minors and should not be allowed to post bail for the safety of the community.

O'Malley cited the serious nature of the crime wherein Fitial sexually abused a child, evidence of Fitial's predatory behavior against children, and the explicit threat he poses on his victims.

He said the Federal Bureau of Investigation has an ongoing investigation against Fitial involving another minor.

O'Malley also disclosed that a recorded conversation indicates that Fitial had threatened the juvenile witnesses in this case. In one of the calls, O'Malley said, Fitial stated he was going to "beat these guys up."

Fitial apparently made such calls because he thought the witness was cooperating with the U.S. government's investigation against him, O'Malley said.

FBI special agent Haejun Park, who testified for the U.S. government, told the court that Fitial used physical and verbal coercion on the victim.

He said the FBI is conducting an ongoing investigation against Fitial involving another minor who was also allegedly physically and sexually assaulted.

Sutton said he will file a motion to modify the bail when he and his client are prepared for it.

FBI agents arrested Fitial last Friday after an indictment was filed against him in federal court charging him with one count of deprivation of rights under color of law.

The indictment alleged that around October 2009 through February 2010, Fitial coerced the child by means of force and threats to engage in sexual acts while the minor was a ward at the Kagman Detention and Correctional Facility.

Muña: Receivership is a last resort for the Fund

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Placing the NMI Retirement Fund under receivership is an option of last resort and a sign of surrender for the troubled retirement program, according to Tony Muña, the Fitial administration's negotiating team leader.

Speaking before retirees during a public forum Tuesday at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center, Muña admitted there is indeed urgency in the situation of the retirement program but he assured retirees in attendance that there is no reason to panic because both the Fund and the administration are working hard to resolve the system's solvency and viability.

"The board of trustees and the administration agreed on handling our own destiny. The receivership, in my experience, is always a last resort and I don't think that's an option now," he told retirees.

Tuesday's public forum was highlighted by presentations about the negotiating team's agreed recommendations to solve the crisis at the Fund, which has over $500 million in unfunded liabilities to date.

Muña said the five-point plan includes proposed legislation, floating a $200 million pension obligation bond, other legislative amendments, freezing additional benefits, and phasing out the Fund.

Among these recommendations, Muña said, the pension obligation bond is the foremost idea that they want to make happen.

"We really want the POB legislation to be done this year… because if this does not happen this election year, we will wait for another two to three years before we can place this on the ballot," he said. Muña is optimistic of "favorable" action by the Legislature.

A pension obligation bond is a debt instrument issued by the government to fund the unfunded actuarially accrued liabilities and convert the accrued liabilities on the government's balance sheet. The lump sum deposit of bond monies directly reduces the accrued liabilities.

House Legislative Initiative 17-1, which is still pending at the Legislature, is intended to be placed in this November's election ballot.

If the planned POB fails, Muña said they will push for amending a number of laws and introduce new legislation to help address this accrued liability. Among these legislative amendments is the revision of COLA. He estimates that this will give the Fund $80 million worth of relief using this approach alone.

The conversion of non-vested defined benefit members to the defined contribution plan and the introduction of the omnibus bill—or certain provisions of it—are also among the top priorities of both negotiating teams.

'Ask for OIA's help'

During the forum, both negotiating teams were urged to explore the idea of asking the Office of Insular Affairs for help in bailing out the Fund but Muña appeared unwilling to go that route.

"We can ask OIA…but I think it's better to ask for areas where we feel we can get results such as in capital improvement projects and operational subsidy for health and welfare concerns. These areas would have greater benefit, and whatever savings we realize we will be allowed to redirect the money," he told *Saipan Tribune*, adding that it is their intention to pursue the five-point plan first before considering other options.

There were only a little over 30 retirees who attended the forum. Despite the low turnout, Muña described the comments raised as "general concerns" of all retirees.

He said the public comments will be included in the team's evaluation in resolving the Fund's mess.

Hyatt Regency donates $2K to MMAC

Hyatt Regency Saipan presented Marianas March Against Cancer officials with a $2,000 check yesterday in support of cancer victims and aiding them find a cure for the disease.

The Hyatt Regency team has been a constant presence in the Marianas March against Cancer in past years but was unable to join marchers this past May.

"We weren't able to participate this year at Hopwood [Junior High School] but, instead of not donating anything, we decided to go ahead and raise funds for the cause," said executive assistant Margaret Rasa.

Hyatt Regency raised the funds through various fundraisers conducted by the hotel's different departments.

"We had a Family Fun Night that was open to the public…on May 7th here at the Hyatt garden area. We also did some car washes throughout the month… last week before April and right before the March Against Cancer," said Rasa.

Rasa cited Hyatt general manager Nick Nishikawa for spearheading these fundraising efforts. ***(Dencio Manglona)***

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NMC hires Willis to develop programs for 1st-year students

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The Northern Marianas College has hired veteran educator Geri Lynn Willis as program manager for its Student Engagement, First-Year Experience, and Learning Community programs.

Willis will develop and implement the three programs to facilitate the integration of first-year students within the NMC community.

Acting NMC interim president Bobbie Merfalen said Willis will play an important role in the success of these programs.

"We are happy to welcome Geri back to the NMC community. Her experience in the field of education will play an instrumental role in the success of our newly developed program aimed at catering to first-year college students," Merfalen said.

Willis will be mentoring students, assisting them, and keeping in contact with them throughout the academic year. She will also provide assistance to the students' families, enhancing students' self-awareness and self-confidence.

Willis

No stranger to NMC, Willis has previously been the acting director/dean for the college's School of Education as well as an instructor. She also served as its accreditation liaison officer to the Accrediting Commission for Senior Colleges and Universities.

Most recently, she served as the CNMI director for the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act under the Office of the Governor. Willis is also known for her grant-writing skills, having been credited with the implementation of many educational opportunity programs in the CNMI such as the AmeriCorps program and the Troops-to-Teachers program.

Outside of the CNMI, Willis has played instrumental roles in the educational systems of a number of countries such as Egypt (with the Fulbright Commission), the Bahamas (Superintendent of Schools), Guam, the Middle East, and South America.

"The First-Year Experience and Learning Communities will have a huge impact on NMC's educational practices and benefit college students from all backgrounds. I'm excited to be back at NMC, and I can't wait to begin working with the students, support staff, and faculty," said Willis.

Willis earned her bachelor's degree in Education with a minor in Speech from San Diego State University and received her master's degree in Education from the University of Oklahoma.

NEWS BRIEFS

NMI students to compete in int'l thespian fest

Fifteen area students from grades 6 through 12 will once again be attending the International Thespian Festival at the University of Nebraska, Lincoln. They will attend workshops and plays, participate in college and scholarship auditions, compete in individual events and stage their own one act production of *Pullman Car Hiawatha* by Thornton Wilder.

They will showcase the stage play and their individual competition pieces (which also include technical theatre presentations in costume design, scenic design, and film) today, June 17, 2010, at 7pm at the American Memorial Park auditorium. The community is invited to support these students by coming to watch. The show is free.

Briefing for veterans set

David Larsen, the Department of Veterans Affairs' public contact and outreach specialist for Guam and the CNMI, will be on Saipan on June 24-25, 2010, for a veterans outreach on federal benefits. He will also be at the Education Fair at the Reserve Center on Saturday, June 26, 2010.

In addition, Jackie Nguyen, the Disabled Veterans Outreach program coordinator, will be here on June 22, 2010, to provide direct employment and training-related activities and support service to meet the needs of economically or educationally disadvantaged veterans with barriers to employment.

They will be entertaining questions and assisting with claims. Date, time and place of the briefing is as follows:

- June 22, 9am-3pm, with Jackie Nguyen at the Office of Military/ Veterans Affairs on Capital Hill, building 1364
- June 24-25, 9am-3pm, veterans benefits with David Larsen
- June 26, 2010, 8am-4pm, Education Fair at the Army Reserve Center.

Any questions or for further information, call Ruth Coleman at the Office of Military/ Veterans Affairs at 664-2650. ***(PR)***

HUD awards $1.5 million to GHURA

Guam Delegate Madeleine Z. Bordallo announced yesterday that the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development has awarded $1,536,500 in federal financial assistance to the Government of Guam. The funding will be used by the Guam Housing and Urban Renewal Authority to modernize affordable housing units on Guam. The financial assistance is part of the HUD Capital Fund Program.

"The federal financial assistance received today will assist the Government of Guam in the modernization and maintenance of affordable housing on Guam," Bordallo said. "The announcement of this grant is timely as the 2010 Affordable Housing Symposium begins today on Guam, and participants at the symposium will be working to address the issue of affordable housing on Guam. The grant received today from HUD is an example of how the Government of Guam can benefit from federal assistance for affordable housing, and I look forward to this federal grant benefiting our community." ***(PR)***

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Proposed Amendment of the Official Saipan Zoning Map (Rezones)

The Commonwealth Zoning Board is asking for your comments on the following proposed amendments (rezones) to the Official Saipan Zoning Map of sheet #15 (Kagman): These include lots located at the intersection of Isa Drive and Kagman Road, both sides of the streets:

1. Rezone file 2010-0841 by Ramon B. Camacho to change TR 22796 H-422 from Rural to Mixed Commercial Zoning District to operate Auto Repair, General;
2. Rezone of various lots proposed by the Acting Zoning Administrator to change TR 22796-7; TR22796-8; 22700-R1; 22700-R2; TR22700-2; TR22638-R1; TR 22638-1; TR22638-3-1 from Rural to Mixed Commercial Zoning District.

A public hearing will be held on:

Date: Wednesday, July 7, 2010
Time: 6:00 pm
Place: Kagman Komunidat Center

The proposed map changes may be viewed at Zoning Office, 2nd Floor, Joeten Building, DanDan Zoning Board website: www.zoning.gov.mp (publications page)

After the public hearing, the Zoning Board will make a decision on whether to approve any or all of the changes to the Official Zoning Maps.

Comments on the proposals may be submitted orally or in writing at the public hearing. Written comments may be submitted directly to the Zoning Office and must be received at the Zoning Office by 12:00 pm, Thursday, July 8, 2010. Send written comments via e-mail to staff@zoning.gov.mp, via US mail to Caller Box 10007, Saipan, MP 96950, or deliver them to the Zoning Office, 2nd floor, Joeten Building, DanDan, Saipan.

For questions or access to materials to be considered at the public hearing, or if you require assistance, please contact the Zoning Office at 234-9661. This notice is provided pursuant to Public Law 6-32, as amended (2 CMC 7201, et seq.) and the Saipan Zoning Law of 2008. /s/ Herminia M. Fusco, Chairperson

Judge is disappointed with OAG request to dismiss criminal case

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A criminal case that was scheduled to go to trial in three days has been dismissed at the request of the Office of the Attorney General, prompting the judge handling the case to express disappointment with the OAG.

Superior Court Associate Judge David Wiseman granted the OAG's motion to dismiss the case against Joaquin Glenn Taman Rios but he did so with some choice words for the OAG.

"The court would be remiss if it just granted the government's motion to dismiss without expressing its concern that such practice in handling a criminal case by the prosecution leaves much to be desired and cannot and should not be tolerated," he said.

Wiseman placed the OAG's Criminal Division on notice that he will consider imposing sanctions on the office if this happens again.

Wiseman dismissed the case and vacated the June 21 jury trial.

Rios was charged with disturbing the peace and child abuse or neglect.

In his motion to dismiss, assistant attorney general Brian Gallagher stated that the victim and the witnesses have indicated that they do not wish to pursue the case or participate in the trial.

The prosecutor said none of the parties involved sustained damage—physical, property or any kind—during the incident.

The court had earlier rejected a plea agreement in this case. A pretrial conference was held for the trial date, set for June 21, 2010.

Wiseman said several preliminary matters have already been discussed, including the court's jury instructions that were sent out and notices to both parties that the jury summons would be issued.

"Notwithstanding the court having to use its limited resources in implementing a substantial process to prepare for the jury trial, the court received a motion to dismiss the case, three working days prior to the trial," he said.

The judge said it appears the government only recently interviewed the witnesses and the alleged victim.

Based on that interview, Wiseman said, the prosecution claims they do not have a case.

The case arose from an incident on Oct. 2, 2009. The suspect's father, David Rios, and brother-in-law, Ramon Kaipat, were drinking beer outside their house in Achugao when the suspect arrived with his daughter in his truck.

Joaquin Rios allegedly rammed the wall of the house with his truck twice and then allegedly challenged his father to a fight.

Energy Division stops accepting energy voucher applications

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The CNMI Energy Division has stopped accepting energy rebate voucher applications from Saipan, Tinian and Rota residents "effective immediately and until further notice."

Vincent S. Attao, energy auditor at the Energy Division, said Tuesday that the number of appliance rebate vouchers allotted for the CNMI State Energy Efficient Appliance Rebate Program "has officially run out."

A total of 358 vouchers have been allotted for the CNMI appliance rebate program, funded under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

The program provides, on a first come-first serve basis, residents with up to three vouchers totaling $750 to help them buy more energy efficient refrigerators, room air conditioning units, and clothes washer.

Attao said as of yesterday, the 50 vouchers available for washers have already been allotted.

All the 106 vouchers for refrigerators have already been allotted but there are still many pending applications.

While there are 202 vouchers available for air conditioning units, only 132 have so far been allotted.

The Energy Division will still have to seek approval whether the vouchers available for air conditioning units can be used for refrigerator vouchers.

"There is more demand for refrigerators than air conditioners and washers," he said.

Attao said there are at least 156 applications pending or are still being processed: 67 from Saipan, 55 from Tinian, and 34 from Rota.

He said there may be a possibility that new applications can still be accepted, after the division processed all the pending applications and they get approval from the U.S. Energy Division to redistribute air conditioner vouchers to those applying for refrigerator vouchers.

The vouchers supplement residents' budget for buying these energy efficient appliances.

For example, if an Energy Star refrigerator costs $900, then residents who receive the maximum voucher amount of $300 for a refrigerator would only have to cough up $600 from their own pocket to buy that appliance.

The maximum rebate for clothes washer is $300, and for a room air-conditioning unit, $150.

As of last week, the division already distributed 164 vouchers amounting to $39,650. Distributions continue with the processing of the pending applications.

For more information, residents may contact the CNMI Energy Division at 664-4480 or 664-4481.

Senate OKs bill that seeks full voting rights for NMI delegate

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On a 7-0 vote, the Senate adopted yesterday a resolution asking the U.S. Congress to grant the CNMI delegate full voting rights in the U.S. House of Representatives.

The Senate also passed on a 7-0 vote a House bill reprogramming $1 million for the renovation and rehabilitation of abandoned municipal buildings on Tinian.

Senate Resolution 17-20, introduced by Senate Floor Leader Pete P. Reyes (R-Saipan), said granting full voting rights to the delegate will give more adequate representation to the CNMI people and a voice in the nation's capital.

Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan, the CNMI's first non-voting delegate to the U.S. House of Representatives, was elected in November 2008 and sworn into office in January 2009.

As a non-voting delegate, Sablan and his counterparts from Guam, American Samoa, the Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia are allowed only to vote in committee, but have no voting rights during floor deliberations.

Reyes, in his resolution, said the CNMI needs better representation because of the implementation of U.S. Public Law 110-229, which placed CNMI immigration under federal control, as well as the military buildup in the Marianas.

The Senate also passed House Bill 17-62, which reprograms $1 million from appropriations under Public Law 13-56 for the architectural and engineering design and construction of a dialysis center on Tinian, to go towards the renovation and rehabilitation of abandoned municipal buildings on the island.

HB 17-62, introduced by Rep. Trenton B. Conner (R-Tinian), said the $1 million under PL 13-56 is inadequate for its original purpose of building a dialysis center. Conner, in his bill, said it is also unforeseeable that funding for the operational expenses of a dialysis center will be provided upon completion of the construction.

"The leadership of Tinian has determined that long-term savings can be realized by renovating dilapidated municipal buildings and relocating all government offices to municipal owned office spaces," the bill said.

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED LAND EXCHANGE

In accordance with Public Law 5-33, Section 4(b) (3) the Public Purpose Land Exchange Authorization Act, the Department of Public Lands hereby gives notice of its intent to enter into an exchange agreement to certain public lands in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. Any interested parties of the general public may submit comments, data, views, or arguments of alternative proposals for the exchange of the public land. As further provided by Public Law 5-33, the following pertinent information is required to be published.

i. The purposed of the land exchange is to acquire a private property for right of way. The private property is described as Lot No. H 317-5-R2, containing an area of 1,838 square meters, more or less, and Lot No. H 317-5-2, containing an area of 929 square meters, more or less, situated in As Perdido, Saipan.

ii. The public land to be exchange is described as Lot No. 058 D 02, containing an area of 2,767 square meters more or less, located in Navy Hill, Saipan.

iii. The private property is owned by Mr. Vincent DLG. Torres a resident of Navy Hill, Saipan.

iv. A copy of the proposed land exchange agreement may be obtained at the office of the Department of Public Lands, located on the 2nd floor of the Joeten Dandan Commercial Building in Dandan, Saipan.

v. The Secretary of the Department of Public Lands shall accept written comments, views arguments or alternative proposals from interested parties on or before July 7, 2010 at the Department of Public Lands offices located in Saipan, Rota or Tinian.

NOTISIA POT MAPROPONEN MA´ATULAIKAN TANO´ PUBLIKU

Sigun gi halom I Lai Publiku 5-33 Seksiona 4 (b)(3), Public Purpose Land Exchange Act, I Depattamenton I Tano' Publiku guini ha nå´i notisia i intension-ña para u ma´atulaikan pumalu na tano´ publiku siha gi halom Saipan, Commonwealth gi Sangkattan Na Islan Marianas siha. Maseha håyi manentiresåo na petsona siha gi halom I publiku henerå siña munna´hålom infotmasion, opiñon, pat testamonion kinentra gi tinahguen i propositu siha para I uma´atulaikan I tano´ publiku. Komu mås mapribeniyi ginen Lai Publiku 5-33, pettanesen infotmasion ni dinimånda na para u mapuplika.

i. I maproponen i ma´atulaikan tano´ para uma´chule I tano´ private para chalan publiku. I diskripsion I tineteka na tano´ komo Lot No. H 317-5-R2, kinensisiste i åria 1,838 square meter, potlumenus mås, yan Lot No. H 317-5-2, kinensiste I aria 929 square meter, potlumenus mas, gaige giya As Perdido, Saipan.

ii. I diskripsion i tano´ publiku Lot No. 058 D 02, kinensisite i åria 2,767 square meters, potlumenus må, gaige giya Navy Hill, Saipan.

iii. I dwennon tano´ si Mr. Vincent DLG. Torres, residenten Navy Hill, Saipan.

iv. I kopian a maproponen i ma´atulaikan tano´ siña machule´ gi ofisinan Dipattamenton Tano´ Publiku, gaige gi sigundo bibienda gi as Joeten Dandan Commercial Building giya Dandan, Saipan.

v. I Secretarian i Depattamenton Tano´ Publiku para hu aksepta I tinigi´i opiñon, pat testamonion kinentra gi tinahguen i mapropone na ma´atulakan tano´ publiku antes osino gi dia Mayo 28, 2010 gi Depattamenton Tano´.

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ii. Falúweer toulap yeel nge Lot No. H 317-5-R2 & Lot H 317-5-2, eyoor ruwabwúghúw eliigh me eew Lot 058 D 02 lapel falúw ye, elo Agak, Seipél.

iii. Mr. Vincent DLG. Torres elollo Navy Hill, Seipél, yaal falúw ye ebwe siiwel ngale falúweer toulap.

iv. Tilghial siiwel yeel nge emmwel óubwe bwughi mereel mwulasiyool Ammwelil Falúweer Toulap, elo aruwowal (2nd floor) me Joeten Dandan Commercial Building loll Tuturam, Seipel.

v. Samwoolul Bwulasiyool Ammwelil Falúweer Toulap nge ebwe bwughil ischil mángemáng, aingiingil mereel amweyút mmwal May 28, 2010, mellól Bwulasiyool Ammwelil Falúweer Toulap iye elo Seipé.

Rotarian seeks to aid veterans with proposed DVD project

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During the regular Rotary Club of Saipan meeting on Tuesday, Mike Tripp introduced to his fellow Rotarians to a program that provides DVDs and portable players to veterans who for any reasons cannot obtain DVDs or players on their own.

DVDs4Vets is a Web site that accepts DVDs and portable DVD players as donations to be distributed to various Veterans Affairs facilities.

Donations received by the web site at their main office are forwarded to the VA facility nearest the donor location or to the facility where the need is greatest unless a specific VA facility is requested by the donor.

Tripp said he has 650 Korean version DVDs that have English subtitles that he plans to donate to DVDs4Vets. He added that he had previously donated DVDs to the American Red Cross and these had been given to soldiers as well.

Tripp proposed that the Rotary purchase 350 additional DVDs so that the Rotary can donate a total of 1,000 DVDs to the Web site.

Tripp said he was encouraged to donate after seeing in the Honor Roll section of the Web site that another Rotary Club, the Pleasanton North Rotary Club, donated 1,000 DVDs.

This one thousand DVDs can be distributed to soldiers and veterans that may need a moment or two to escape their reality, Tripp said.

Besides contributing to a good cause, Tripp believes that the donation to DVDs4Vets is a good opportunity for the Rotary to spread the word to people that may be interested in learning more about the CNMI.

Tripp added that the Rotary can also solicit DVD donations from the public to curb the cost of donation for the Rotary.

Rotary president Kim Forrester said the proposal needs to be approved initially by the board, then by the whole Rotary Club.

Tripp, however, said that he is prepared to donate his 650 DVDs regardless of the board's decision.

During the meeting, some Rotarians expressed their support for the proposal. Treasurer Elly Stoilova said she is willing to donate to the project.

Another Rotarian who also pledged a donation said the donation is a positive way to show that the Rotary supports U.S. troops and cares about veterans. A visiting Rotarian who is also a combat veteran expressed his full support for the cause.

Flashback
A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

JUNE 17, 2002

'Tighten law on sale of butane to minors'
The Department of Public Safety is proposing the absolute prohibition of the sale of butane gas canisters to minors, in a bid to address the widespread abuse of the lethal inhalant among the Commonwealth's youths. Police Commissioner Edward C. Camacho aired his concerns over the accessibility of butane gas products in the CNMI, which children can apparently obtain at retail stores for a cheap price of at least 55 cents per can. "We have been observing the abuse of these butane gas canisters/inhalants and we found out that there is, in fact, Public Law 9-65 [which addresses this]. By reviewing this law, we determined that it's probably not strong enough. We just need to recommend some amendments to that to include possibly a total prohibition to sell these canisters to minors," said Camacho.

Torres to AGO: Just transfer it
Executive Order 97-3 is a self-executing order, so the Attorney General's Office should not wait for the results of the study of the Business License Application Task Force before implementing the transfer of the Registrar of Corporations to the Department of Commerce.

This was the contention of Rep. William S. Torres, even as he pointed out that the task force, in fact, has already released the results of its study. "Why wait for the recommendations of the task force? In fact, the panel had only two recommendations and, although they did touch on the subject of Executive Order 97-3, the transfer of the Registrar of Corporations wasn't part of the recommendations at all, so there's no sense in waiting for their recommendations," he said.

JUNE 17, 2003

DLNR touts local agricultural products
The Department of Lands and Natural Resources yesterday requested the Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands and the Saipan Garment Manufacturers Association to patronize local agricultural produce. In separate letters, DLNR Secretary Tom Pangelinan asked HANMI and SGMA representatives to visit the Sabalu Market, a regular Saturday event showcasing local agricultural produce and livestock. Sabalu Market runs from 6am to 12 noon. "Our Saipan farmers have an ample supply of freshly grown local produce (vegetables, fruit and flowers). In fact, many of our farmers are producing much more than they can currently sell," Pangelinan said.

WASC airs concerns over NMC's seeming 'leadership instability'
The Accrediting Commission for Junior and Community Colleges has raised the issue of "instability of leadership" at the Northern Marianas College, leaving NMC president Kenneth Wright surprised and a little worried about the panel's seeming familiarity with NMC issues. Wright, who just got back from a three-day meeting with the 20-member panel, said yesterday that he immediately refuted the "expressed concern." "Their concern was imprecisely specified. We certainly have not had instability of leadership," said Wright, adding that he informed the body that he is only the third president of NMC.

JUNE 17, 2004

House changes land compensation priority
The House of Representatives has passed a bill that amends the land compensation priority list. In a session Friday, the lower chamber passed House Bill 14-20, which provides that "the compensation of private lands taken by the government be prioritized based on the dates when they were taken." Currently, the Land Compensation Act prioritizes the payment of lands acquired for right-of-way purposes, then the lands taken for ponding basins, and lastly wetlands. In a committee report, the House said the current priority list "is problematic because under the existing regulations, ponding basins are required to be constructed as part of road construction."

'House's proposal will help seaport'
The Commonwealth Ports Authority assured that non-harbor revenue generation would increase and other services would be forthcoming once the Saipan Seaport is approved to use public lands adjacent to the harbor. CPA executive director Carlos H. Salas is hopeful that House Bill 14-16 or the Port of Saipan Expansion and Development Act of 2004, which recently passed the 14th House of Representative, would also get the nod of the Senate. "We are looking forward to getting the land. This is part of the CPA's plan to increase non-harbor revenue sources," said the executive director. The port expansion would also lessen the impact of the lifting of quota restrictions in 2005, when CNMI garment factories are forced to compete in the global market.

Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
Office of the Executive Director

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
CUC-RFP-10-028

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified firms for the supply of (2) Two Bucket Trucks (Aerial Lift) for CUC Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The Bucket Trucks will be used to carry out major repairs to 13.8kV distribution Feeder #3, and to grad Feeder-1 and Feeder-2 from 4.160 kV to 13.8kV.

The Scope-of-Work and Bid package will be **e-mailed** upon request to all interested offeror, by the CUC, Procurement & Supply Office, during working hours (7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.), Monday thru Friday, except government observed holiday, **until June 11, 2010.**

One (1) Original and Six (1) Copies must be submitted in a seal envelope marked " CUC-RFP 10-028, Rota Bucket Trucks" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, Room No. 4, 3rd Floor Joeten Dandan, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan MP 96950, no later than **June 18, 2010 AM, (CHST) local time.** Late submissions and conditional proposal will not be considered.

A Bid Guarantee of 15 percent of the total bid price must accompany the proposal. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety acceptable to the CNMI Office of the Attorney General. A performance and payment bond of hundred (100%) percent each of the total proposal price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. Surety companies must hold a certificate of authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety for proposal security or other surety acceptable to the CNMI Office of the Attorney General. No advance payment will be authorized on the project on an Irrevocable Letter of Credit (100% aggregate contract cost/ CUC Beneficiary) or a payment bond. All insurers questions, concerns and qualification should be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Offerors must submit a Clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposal and wave any imperfection to CUC-RFP-10-028 in the interest of the government. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

All inquiries must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM local time on June 15, 2010 10:00 AM (CHST)** to Mr. Manuel B. Sablan, Jr., Procurement and Supply Manager via email at msablan@cucgov.net, Mr. Wallon Young, Deputy Director Power System Rehabilitation via email at wallon59@yahoo.com and Mr. Charles Manglona, Deputy Director, CUC Rota at charles@cucgov.net.

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INVITATION FOR BID
PSS IFB 10-065

"GENERAL REPAIR WORK FOR SAN VICENTE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL"

The Public School System and the State Board of Education are soliciting sealed bids for **General Repair Work at San Vicente Elementary School** on Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The scope of work and project package is available beginning on June 10, 2010 at Pacific Quick Print for a fee of $62.80.

There will be a mandatory pre-bid conference on July 1, 2010, at 3:30 p.m. at San Vicente School Cafeteria in San Vicente, Saipan. Bids will not be accepted from any bidder who failed to attend this pre-bid conference. Questions may be submitted in writing to Fax No. (670) 323-1075 or emailed to Ms. Elizabeth S. Balajadia at lizb@emchen.com no later than July 7, 2010, 4:30 p.m.

All bids must be in a sealed envelope marked, IFB-10-065, and submitted with one (1) original and three (3) copies to the PSS Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor of the NMI Retirement Fund Building in Capitol Hill, Saipan, no later than 9:00 a.m., local time, July 21, 2010. If no notices of intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be publicly opened at 9:00 a.m. local time July 23, 2010 in the 2nd floor Conference Room, NMI Retirement Fund Building.

Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to Bid. Notices of Intent to Bid must be received by the Procurement Officer no later than 9:00 a.m. local time on July 21, 2010 and may be transmitted via fax to (670) 664-3791 or email to robert.florian@cnmipss.org. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and three copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than July 21, 2010 and must be received no later than July 30, 2010 in which case all bids will be opened at 9:00 a.m., August 3, 2010.

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"GENERAL REPAIR WORK FOR WSR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL"

The Public School System and the State Board of Education are soliciting sealed bids for **General Repair Work at WSR Elementary School** on Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The scope of work and project package is available beginning on June 10, 2010 at Pacific Quick Print for a fee of $60.10.

There will be a mandatory pre-bid conference on July 1, 2010, at 10:00 a.m. at WSR Cafeteria in Chalan Kanoa, Saipan. Bids will not be accepted from any bidder who failed to attend this pre-bid conference. Questions may be submitted in writing to Fax No. (670) 323-1075 or emailed to Ms. Elizabeth S. Balajadia at lizb@emchen.com no later than July 7, 2010, 4:30 p.m.

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"GENERAL REPAIR WORK FOR KOBLERVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL"

The Public School System and the State Board of Education are soliciting sealed bids for **General Repair Work at Koblerville Elementary School** on Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The scope of work and project package is available beginning on June 10, 2010 at Pacific Quick Print for a fee of $63.55.

There will be a mandatory pre-bid conference on July 1, 2010, at 1:30 p.m. at Koblerville Elementary Cafeteria in Koblerville, Saipan. Bids will not be accepted from any bidder who failed to attend this pre-bid conference. Questions may be submitted in writing to Fax No. (670) 323-1075 or emailed to Ms. Elizabeth S. Balajadia at lizb@emchen.com no later than July 7, 2010, 4:30 p.m.

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The right DNA for Berkeley?

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Today we know more about ourselves and one another than we'd imagined or even wanted to just 15 years ago. DNA tests can divulge which diseases we might be prone to and which famous figures we really aren't related to, except maybe Adam and Eve. Facebook reveals the rest.

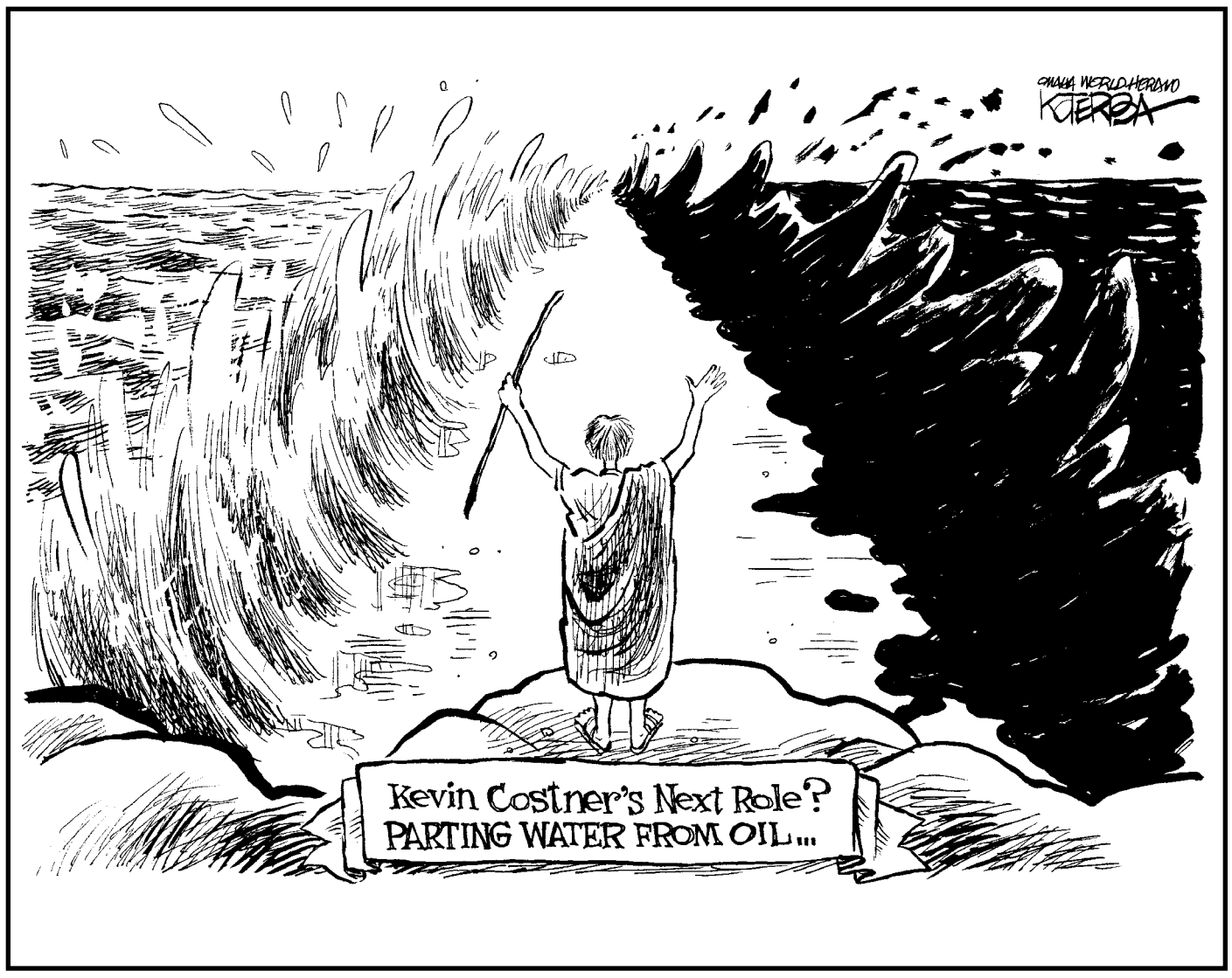
Teenagers and young adults accept this probed and public life with more equanimity than their elders. So although some ethicists are shuddering at a plan by UC Berkeley to encourage its freshmen to bond via DNA analysis, the incoming students are probably thanking the academic gods for this break from the traditional togetherness exercise—reading a common book.

Berkeley's plan is to mail DNA testing kits this summer to its incoming students, who, if they choose to participate, would swab the insides of their cheeks and send the kits back to be tested. The samples would then be analyzed for gene variations that affect reactions to alcohol, lactose and folic acid. Students could obtain their individual results on a website; group results would form part of the school's orientation program, revolving around the subject of personal health and medicine—information that teenagers who are newly out from under from their parents' watchful eyes could certainly use.

Despite the objections of bioethics experts, we doubt Berkeley students will feel coerced into giving up their cheek cells, just as many of last year's freshmen surely never felt compelled to peruse "The Omnivore's Dilemma," the chosen reading selection. Critics also point out that Walgreens recently decided not to sell genetic kits over concerns that customers might receive troubling results they wouldn't know how to interpret—but the retailer had been looking to market kits that tested for genes linked to serious medical ailments. It's obvious that teenagers shouldn't be confronted with potentially shocking information, such as a genetic propensity to Alzheimer's disease or a distant kinship to Attila the Hun.

Berkeley has taken extraordinary precautions. It chose useful but relatively innocuous genes to test for. It has reassured students that opting out is as valid a decision as sending in a swab, and has gone to great lengths to make sure that results are anonymous; students gain access to their results via unique bar codes, not through their student IDs, and there is no possibility that professors will know who participated. The samples will be destroyed after testing.

Nor does the ethicists' slippery-slope argument hold up. Like it or not, people must cope with the era of sometimes uncomfortable information. That includes learning to put reasonable safeguards in place and learning which information is worthwhile in context, the limits of genetic testing and how to respond to new data. Not all the lessons of college take place in the classroom.



A few words of advice for the pistoferone challenged

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Apparently the nation was in dire peril last week because of President Barack Obama's inability to display anger.

The subject was all over the Internet and the cable infotainment shows, where people are paid large sums to act angry on cue. Everyone from Spike Lee to James Carville thinks the president (to quote Spike) should "go off" on BP for the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico.

Folks are upset that the president hasn't climbed on top of a pile of oil-soaked sea birds, grabbed a bullhorn and threatened that "the people who knocked down these seagulls will hear all of us very soon."

My theory is that the inability to display anger is caused by a chemical imbalance. Unlike his predecessor, this president appears to have a critical shortage of the hormone called pistoferone.

I have vast quantities of pistoferone circulating in my personal endocrine system and would be more than happy to be a pistoferone donor. Nearly everything makes me angry, particulary this stupid, usless peace of junk computor that keeps speling words wrong.

Hypo-pistoferone syndrome is a terrible thing to witness. Victims try gamely to summon anger by barking "plug the damned hole," and going on TV with Matt Lauer to say they are wondering "whose ass to kick."

Obama's interview with Lauer sounded a little contrived, as if he'd summoned his political advisers to the Oval Office to come with some macho language:

Advisers: "Just tell them you're going to kick BP's ass."

The President: "You can't actually kick a corporation's gluteus maximus. Let me be clear: Corporations, no matter what the Supreme Court said in Citizens United v FEC, corporations are not people and thus have no glutei maximi."

Advisers: "You're talking like a law professor again. How about you say you're going to kick the BP CEO's ass? How about you say you're going to open up a No. 9 can of whup-ass upside his head?"

The President: I'm not sure we can assign personal blame. Let me be clear: I'll just say I'll be trying to determine upside whose head a No. 9 can of ... whatever ... should be opened."

Someone with the proper levels of pistoferone would not have to be coached. In fact, he probably would have beaten the snot out of Matt Lauer just on general principles. I get angry just thinking of that softball-tossing pretty boy.

For that matter, he probably should tell Spike Lee just to shut up. Ask him if he's using any less gasoline in his limo and private jet. And Carville—If he's such a Louisiana political genius, why doesn't he go down there and elect a Democratic governor or run somebody against their hooker-happy Republican senator?

Who's the last president who got angry in public? Harry Truman, who wrote a letter threatening to punch a Washington Post music critic in the nose for an unkind of review of his daughter's singing talents. People loved him for sticking up for his daughter.

Therefore, the proper posterior for a presidential punt belongs to TV and radio blowhard Glenn Beck, who spent much of his May 28 radio program making fun of the president's 11-year-old daughter, Malia.

Obama had mentioned in a press conference that even Malia had been bugging him, asking, "Did you plug the hole yet, daddy?"

Beck said, "'Did you plug the hole yet, daddy?' If that's their—that's the level of their education, that they're coming to—they're coming to daddy and saying 'Daddy, did you plug the hole yet?'"

Beck then adopted a child's voice and said, "Why, why, why, why, do you still let the polar bears die? Daddy, why do you still let Sarah Palin destroy the environment? Why are—Daddy, why don't you just put her in some sort of a camp?"

Beck quickly apologized. But guys with the proper level of pistoferone would have punched him in the nose anyway. America would cheer; even conservatives would have to admit he had it coming.

Like most 11-year-old girls, Malia thinks her daddy can fix anything. This is among the reasons why they should never be allowed to grow any older.

Adults are supposed to be more sophisticated, but this is pretty much what they think, too: Presidents can fix anything if they only get angry enough.

If people had wanted a hot-tempered president, they would have elected John McCain. His Senate colleagues used to call him "Sen. Hothead." The guy oozes pistoferone from every pore. He'd have nuked British Petroleum's well by now. He might have nuked Britain by now.

But America voted for cool and cerebral instead. Now America wants cool, cerebral and angry. It's enough to piss you off.

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Leaving island: Staging your home for a quick sale

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As more people consider bailing to greener pastures elsewhere, there are more homes for rent, lease, or sale. However, selling a home is not as simple as it used to be. A nice Dandan home we lived in several years ago was put on the market because the owners moved to the U.S. It took over a year to sell and for 40 percent less than the asking price. Buyers have the upper hand right now, so if you're leasing or selling you'll need to employ some tactics that can help you grab their attention and make your home stand out from the rest of the listings.

Home staging is one method that can help you not only sell your home faster, but for the price you're asking. According to a 2005 Coldwell Banker study, the average home was then on the market for 31 days; however, the average staged home sold in only two weeks. In addition, the price of the staged home went for 6.3 percent above the asking price. Even though this study was done at the height of the real estate market, the results are just as relevant today. A more recent study by the Real Estate Staging Association states that staged homes sell 85 percent faster than un-staged homes.

Home staging is the act of preparing your home for a quick sale at the highest possible price. Its aim is to help buyers envision what your home would be like if they were to buy it. Preparing your home for sale means you might make small repairs or functional improvements; however, staging a home for sale involves improving the overall aesthetic appearance so the buyer has a "wow" experience. Here are some useful tips you can do before the first prospective buyer visits:

First impressions count. Look at your home as if you were going to buy the house. What kind of curb appeal does your house make on a potential buyer when they first see it? Make sure trash is picked up, get rid of those rusting cars sitting on the lot, and pull some weeds or replace any dead plants. Examine the exterior of your home and see if any repairs are needed on the walls, windows or roof.

Give your house a fresh coat of paint. Painting is a relatively inexpensive way to make your home look new and clean. Be sure to patch up any dents or holes before you paint, and make sure areas are masked so there is a nice clean edge.

Clean and brighten your kitchen. Kitchens and bathrooms carry the most resale value so you want to make sure those two areas get some attention. "Clean and bright" should be your motto for kitchen staging. Turn the lights on, open the curtains and make sure everything is clean. Replace any damaged or outdated kitchen accessories. You should also create as much open space on the kitchen counters as possible. Remove the storage containers and appliances, such as bowls, grills, and coffee grinders. Having open counter tops gives the appearance of a bigger, brighter kitchen.

Clean and update your bathrooms. The motto for bathroom staging can be summed up in two words: "Clean and update." The bathrooms should be sparkling clean and well-lit. Upgrade any outdated bathroom fixtures, such as handles, spigots, shower curtains, towel racks, etc. Put some color-coordinated, high-quality towels on the towel racks. Add a fresh flower arrangement to both make the bathroom look and smell better. Fabric shower curtains look nicer than vinyl ones and have a more elegant look. Anything that is worn, broken, or old-looking should be replaced.

De-clutter your house. Prospective buyers don't want to see your child's latest drawing, bills, or post-it notes on the refrigerator. Laundry, toys, and unfinished projects should be placed in out-of-site places. Clearing shelves, closets, and cabinets gives a more clutter-free appearance, and it also gives you a head start when you sell your home and have to pack up things to move.

Look at your furniture from a buyer's point of view. Your furniture should match or look like it belongs together. Remove any pieces that are not necessary or distract from the décor of the home. One home owner I talked to listed her home for a year before she decided to buy some nice furniture and sell it as part of the deal. It sold within a month. If your home has nice furniture, you may consider selling it furnished to entice a sale.

Get green. You can add warmth to a room by adding plants that are appropriate in size and décor. Plants not only add life to a room, but they can also make it smell nicer. Plants are also a less expensive alternative to buying furniture.

So if you're planning to move and put your house up for sale, it only makes sense to stage your home before inviting prospective buyers to visit. It can make the difference between selling your home in a few weeks at your asking price, or taking several months to sell your home for a percentage of the initial price.

Letters to the Editor

Are casinos really appropriate for Saipan?

The headline in one of the local newspaper reads "Yes to Saipan Casinos. No opposition to 2 casino bills during public hearing held on Friday night."

The supporters at that hearing stated there is no option but to allow casinos as a way to provide employment and save our economy.

I am asking: Are there any authoritative, objective studies done that says indeed casinos will work on Saipan? Who are these people that will be playing in the casinos? What does MVA say? Are there any documents or studies that show that casinos will bring more tourists to our islands?

Or are we banking on the locals just like what is happening with the poker establishments? I recall that the poker industry was set out as a means of attracting tourists to our island. The question is, does it? We all know of someone in our community whose life is essentially ruined by addiction to poker.

I feel there is an alternative. First we must vote wisely. Elect people that will work for the well-being of the community. We, the voters must think big and for the betterment of the community instead of what is in it for me.

Second, we have beautiful beaches and golf courses. The island of Managaha is one of the most attractive places to visit even for us locals. We need to make it easier and less costly for all to enjoy these. Right now, we have two separate charges for locals and tourists with the latter paying as much as three or four times more. Why not make it all the same so that it is affordable to our tourists?

Third, we need to keep our islands inviting. Each of us can make this happen by doing our part such as not littering, being courteous and offering a helping hand.

Fourth and perhaps the true test of our character is that government expenditures need to be reduced so that more of our limited resources can go into maintaining, improving and expanding our infrastructures. Look at Garapan, the main tourist area. Are we proud of it?

We should have a blueprint or map to look at in deciding whether casinos are the solution. Look with an objective eye at the poker industry. Are we happy? Who are the players in these poker establishments? Tourists or locals? If casino is indeed a good thing why is the one on Tinian having a difficult time? How many locals have disposable income and that would play in the casinos? Are we going to have 50,000 or 200,000 tourists more a year coming to Saipan because of the casinos?

This issue was voted down at least twice. The argument now, however, is that the economy is so bad we have no choice. Despite our experience with the poker we are going ahead with casinos knowing that it will not better our community? Employment for the locals? How? Are they to be granted tax exempt status for 25 years? Where then is the additional revenue that it is supposed to bring in?

We must continue to develop our tourism market as it is our main economic driver. It is the industry that propelled us in the past and it is the only industry still with us. We need to continue with it and it is the option we should work for. We can certainly work harder marketing our islands. We have fruits that are in season at certain time of the year such as mango and watermelon. Can't we tie all these to the blossoming of the flame trees for a festival much like the cherry blossoms in Japan?

I am not against casinos. However, is it appropriate for our islands? Are the poker establishments good for the islands? The community in Kagman and other places want the poker establishments out of their area. How many families are off island as they try desperately to break the addictions and keep the family intact?

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Navy Hill, Saipan

Teachers, unite!

It is disturbing to me, but not surprising to have read the recent article about the PSS employee, who was injured on the job and denied coverage for workman's compensation. As a former PSS employee, I can say that I am thankful to no longer be working there and that, through no small effort, was able to get my money from the Retirement Fund before it "disappeared." This is just one item in a long string of items that reinforces my conviction that a union is desperately needed at PSS. In fact, I think we need unions. Period.

Prior to coming to work for PSS, I had taught in Detroit public schools. In Detroit, this sort of thing would never happen because the union would not let it happen. Unions give the rank and file worker the power of collective bargaining and they counter-balance the power of the employer. Without union protection, the worker is at the mercy of his or her employer. I found that PSS was not an entity that I wanted to be at the mercy of, so I left.

One other item that disturbs me—in fact an item that infuriates me—it was reported about a week ago that PSS spent over $1 million on laptop computers to give away to high school seniors! Now, I hate to be a naysayer, but I think that is just a big waste of money, especially in light of the fact that PSS cannot pay its workman's compensation bills!

As a former classroom teacher, I can only assume, based on my almost 10 years of experience in high schools and middle schools, that those laptops would be used for entertainment (games, surfing the web, etc.) instead of being used for scholarly purposes. But that is just one jaded ex-teacher's opinion. When I taught on Tinian, there was no money for toilet paper, we couldn't afford to keep a janitor on staff. But right next to the school, they built a $2 million plus track and field facility that has never been used and is slowly decaying. Hundreds of thousands of dollars were spent on a library, but no funds were there to hire a librarian, so basically we had a big empty building that was never used. As a taxpayer I am vexed!

PSS shame on you! Pay your workers their fair share! Protect their retirement, give them a fair wage and use your funds to buy the basic necessities before throwing the money at extravagances. Yes, I understand that some of these things are being paid for with federal funds, but look, it is not free money. It is not your money. It belongs to all of us and I would rather the lights work, the bathrooms be clean and my teachers and staff be paid before throwing free laptops at kids. I did not have a free laptop as a student and when I as a teacher worked for PSS, I was issued one that did not even work!

All I can say is, God help you all who work with PSS still. My advice for you is organize, form a union and take a lesson from the brave men and women of the UAW, Teamsters, AFL-CIO and the other members of the labor movement back in the day, who fought, bled and died for the eight-hour work day, minimum wage, workman's comp, and other labor laws that most Americans enjoy today. Oh, yeah, I forgot, this is the CNMI, so many of those labor regulations don't apply here. Maybe it is time for a change. Working class people have to fight for their rights. Why not start with the teachers. Organize now! Solidarity forever!

David Radich
Sadog Tasi, Saipan

Wake up!

How important are our families in the CNMI? Do we value our children? Do we want them to grow into contributing members of society and have them honor our family name? Do we do this by clinging to vices to rebuild our economy? Where is the honor when we enslave our people to drugs, poker, alcohol and sex to put money into our coffers? We need to consider the long-term ramifications of our actions. What do we teach our kids when are actions tell something else, like the parent who disciplines his son for smoking while he send him to the store to buy daddy a pack? Wake up, parents. Do you want more of your children addicted to gambling? Why can't we put our energy into building a positive, sustainable island?

Del Benson
Papago, Saipan

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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
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Palau	Showers	▲85	▼78
Yap	Showers	▲88	▼77
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲82	▼76
Pohnpei	Rain	▲84	▼76
Kosrae	Showers	▲89	▼79
Majuro	Rain	▲86	▼78

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Hong Kong	Thundershowers	▲86	▼81
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	▲86	▼75
London	Mostly Sunny	▲69	▼51
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲71	▼57
Manila	Thundershowers	▲91	▼78
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	▲61	▼48
Miami	Thundershowers	▲92	▼81
New York	Showers	▲75	▼67
Osaka	Mostly Cloudy	▲90	▼72
Paris	Showers	▲66	▼56
Pusan	Cloudy	▲80	▼72
Rome	Mostly Sunny	▲82	▼64
Salem	Showers	▲64	▼51
San Francisco	Sunny	▲64	▼52
Seoul	Mostly Cloudy	▲88	▼70
Tokyo	Partly Cloudy	▲83	▼71
Washington, DC	Thundershowers	▲88	▼74

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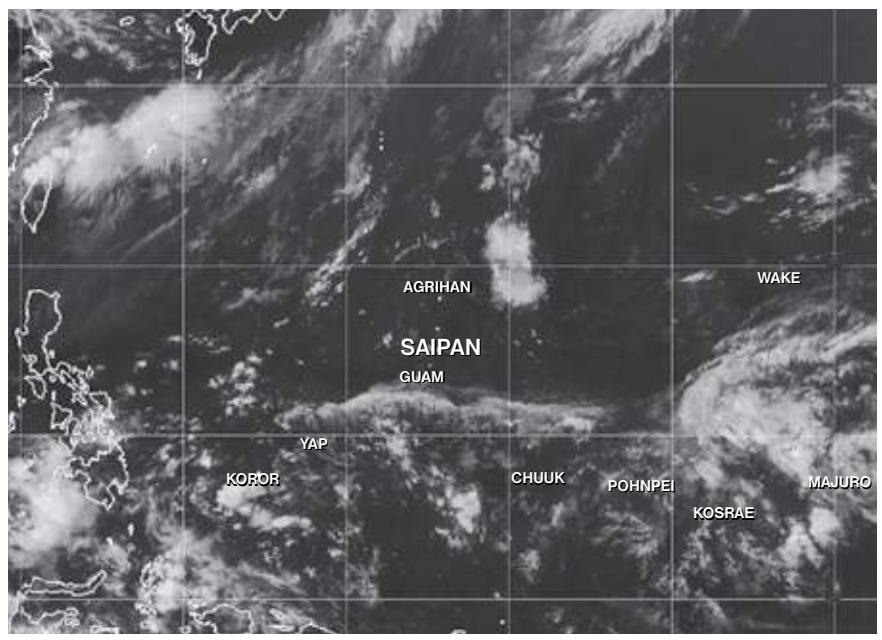

PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, TUESDAY, JUNE 15, 2010
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Converging low-level winds are creating scattered showers east of the Northern Marianas between 18N and 23N from 149E to 151E. Trade-wind convergence is generating scattered showers and a few thunderstorms just south of Koror within 40 miles of a line from 7N135E to 6N133E to 5N135E to 5N138E. Scattered showers are found south of Guam within 40 miles of a line from 11N142E to 7N145E to 7N146E to 4N148E. A surface trough reaches northward from 4N169E to 13N170E. Surface convergence near the trough is combining with upper-level divergence to trigger scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms over Kwajalein but just west of Majuro within 60 miles of a line from 11N163E to 8N168E to 5N169E to 2N166E.

Tides

Saipan Harbor

5:43 AM	Today	Low Tide:	1.1 Feet
10:22 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet
5:34 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.2 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	5:47 AM	6:49 PM
Friday	5:47 AM	6:49 PM
Saturday	5:47 AM	6:49 PM
Sunday	5:48 AM	6:49 PM
Monday	5:48 AM	6:50 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	10:18 AM	10:59 PM
Friday	11:15 AM	11:42 PM
Saturday	12:11 PM	
Sunday	1:07 PM	12:24 AM
Monday	2:03 PM	1:06 AM

FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF MAY 27, 2010

DEPARTURES

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM

C09597	5:00am	5:30am	1, 5

SAIPAN-GUAM

C09317	4:25am	5:15am	Daily
C09313	8:30am	9:20am	Daily
C09601	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7
C09603	3:05pm	3:55pm	Daily
C09605	6:35pm	7:25pm	Daily
C09599	9:35pm	10:25pm	Daily

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

DL287	5:55am	8:35am	Daily
DL297	3:35pm	6:15pm	Daily
DL289	4:35pm	7:15pm	Daily

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

OZ608	3:20am	6:50am	1, 5

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

OZ604	2:20am	6:10am	1
OZ604	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
OZ606	3:30pm	7:00pm	2, 4, 6, 7

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

FM844	2:50am	5:40am	2, 6

SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)

CZ3008	3:30am	6:40am	2, 6

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

OZ604/701	2:20am	11:25am	1 via ICN
OZ604/701	2:50am	11:25am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
OZ606/703	2:20am	11:00pm	1 via ICN
OZ606/703	2:50am	11:00pm	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
OZ608/705	3:20am	12:10am+1	1, 5 via PUS
C09317/891	4:25am	9:45am	6 via GUM
C09603/893	3:05pm	9:10pm	3, 5 via GUM-Palau
C09603/933	3:05pm	8:40pm	Daily via GUM

SAIPAN-HONG KONG

OZ604/721	2:20am	11:45am	1 via ICN
OZ604/721	2:50am	11:45am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
OZ606/749	3:30pm	11:00pm	4, 6, 7 via ICN
C09603/909	3:05am	9:30pm	1, 5 via GUM

ARRIVALS

GUAM-ROTA (ROP)

C09598	6:30pm	7:00pm	4, 7

GUAM-SAIPAN

C09316	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
C09596	7:00am	7:50am	Daily
C09600	10:05am	10:55am	Daily
C09602	1:40pm	2:30pm	1, 4, 5, 7
C09604	5:10pm	6:00pm	Daily
C09606	8:10pm	9:00pm	Daily

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

DL290	10:00am	2:35pm	Daily
DL298	10:30am	3:05pm	Daily
DL288	8:40pm	1:15am+1	Daily

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

OZ607	9:00pm	2:20am+1	4, 7

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

OZ605	9:00am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6, 7
OZ603	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ603	8:10pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

FM843	7:15pm	1:50am+1	1, 5

GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

CZ3007	7:30pm	2:40am+1	1, 5

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

OZ704/605	12:10am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN
OZ706/607	3:35am	2:20am+1	4, 7 via PUS
C0890/9606	10:55am	9:00pm	6 via GUM
OZ702/603	12:45pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ702/603	12:45pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
PR110/C09596	10:00pm	7:50am+1	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
C0892/9596	10:10pm	7:50am+1	3,5 via GUM-Palau
C0934/9596	10:55pm	7:50am+1	Daily via GUM

HONG KONG-SAIPAN

OZ724/605	12:30am	2:20pm	2 ,4 ,6, 7 via ICN
OZ750/605	1:00am	2:20pm	2, 4 ,6 ,7 via ICN
OZ722/603	1:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
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C0910/9596	10:35pm	7:50am+1	1, 5 via GUM

Editor's Note: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); CZ: China Southern; CO: Continental; FM: Shanghai Airlines; PR: Philippine Airlines; DL: Delta Airlines; OZ: Asiana ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)

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Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
Guam–Rota			
FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily
Rota–Saipan			
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily
Guam–Rota			
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily
Rota–Saipan	17:50	18:20	Daily
Saipan–Rota			
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily
Rota–Guam	10:20	10:45	Daily
Saipan–Rota			
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily
Rota–Guam			
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily
Saipan–Tinian			
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily
FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily
FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily
FRE 109	9:10	9:20	Daily
FRE 111	10:45	10:55	Daily

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
FRE 113	11:40	11:50	Daily
FRE 115	13:00	13:10	Daily
FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
Tinian–Saipan			
FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily
FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily
FRE 114	12:00	12:10	Daily
FRE 116	13:30	13:40	Daily
FRE 118	14:50	15:00	Daily
FRE 120	16:20	16:30	Daily
FRE 122	17:00	17:10	Daily
FRE 124	18:05	18:15	Daily
FRE 126	18:50	19:00	Daily

1,000 lb WWII bomb found at Naval Base Guam

SANTA RITA, Guam—On Monday, June 14, construction workers at U.S. Naval Base Guam in Santa Rita discovered a World War II-vintage 1,000 lb bomb buried beneath a construction site. Bomb disposal technicians from Explosive Ordnance Disposal Detachment Marianas responded to the discovery. After thorough examination, LT. Brent Wadsworth, officer-in-charge of EOD Detachment Marianas, determined that the bomb's fuse must be removed in order to safely transport it for proper disposal at the Naval Base Guam Ordnance Annex.

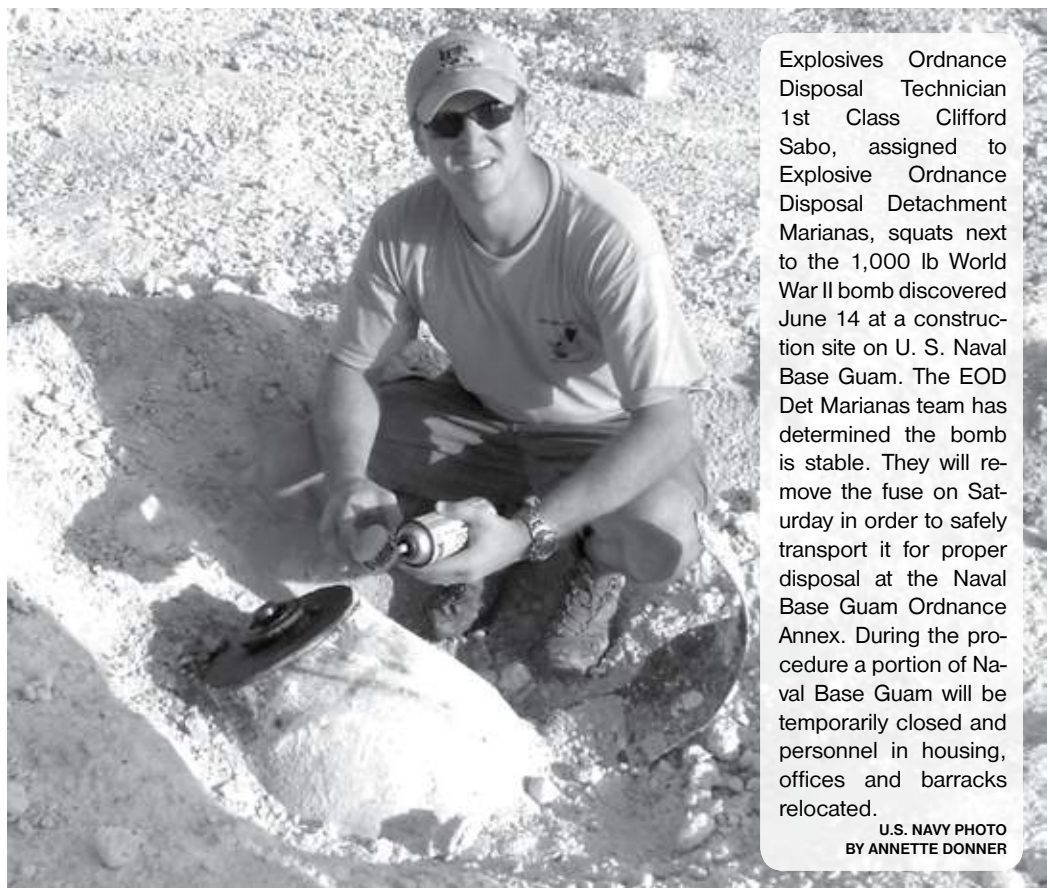
"This ordnance fell from thousands of feet, has been in place for 66 years almost to the day and was discovered when it was hit by a backhoe Monday and it did not detonate," said Wadsworth. He noted that even during their operations to defuse the bomb there will be little risk of it detonating. "However, we always take maximum precautions for ourselves and those around us," he added.

While the bomb is being defused, a portion of Naval Base Guam will be temporarily closed from 9am to 2pm on Saturday, June 19. Because of its location near housing and offices, people who live and work within 3,000 feet from the bomb must temporarily relocate. Those people 3,000 to 5,000 feet from the site must remain inside a building for the duration of the operation if they choose to not relocate. There is no danger to people outside if they are beyond 5,000 feet from the site.

From 9am to 2pm or until the procedure is completed, Naval Base Guam Security forces will restrict traffic on base to the designated safe areas in the vicinity of the Navy Exchange. Access to the base will be through the back gate.

The FAA and U.S. Coast Guard have been notified and will promulgate a Notice to Airmen and Notice to Mariners to warn boaters and airplanes of any areas they should avoid on Saturday.

EOD Det Marianas has determined that the ordnance is stable in place and in no danger of detonating before Saturday. Naval Base Guam Security forces have established a 100 foot perimeter around the ordnance to ensure it is not disturbed. ***(USN)***



Explosives Ordnance Disposal Technician 1st Class Clifford Sabo, assigned to Explosive Ordnance Disposal Detachment Marianas, squats next to the 1,000 lb World War II bomb discovered June 14 at a construction site on U. S. Naval Base Guam. The EOD Det Marianas team has determined the bomb is stable. They will remove the fuse on Saturday in order to safely transport it for proper disposal at the Naval Base Guam Ordnance Annex. During the procedure a portion of Naval Base Guam will be temporarily closed and personnel in housing, offices and barracks relocated.

U.S. NAVY PHOTO BY ANNETTE DONNER

The Amy sells clothes…and Saipan

Korea's popular online shopping mall The Amy recently wrapped up a two-day photo shoot on Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands that will feature fashion against the background of this resort destination.

The Amy (www.theamy.co.kr) is an online fashion clothing and accessories shopping mall targeting women in their 20s and 30s. The mall owner, Amy, is also a female celebrity featured in popular entertainment TV series.

The Marianas Visitors Authority assisted with securing photographing permits for the May 27-30, 2010, visit.

"The Amy location shoot has been an excellent opportunity to get the Northern Marianas coverage through a high traffic commercial Web site," said MVA marketing manager Bruce Bateman. "This is especially beneficial right before the summer holiday season."

Photo shoots were held at the Saipan World Resort and Managaha Island. A dinner show featuring island barbecue will also be featured. The estimated ad exposure value for the online coverage is $24,000. ***(MVA)***

MVA

Korea's popular on-line shopping mall The Amy were recently on location in Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands to feature fashion against the background of this resort destination.

NMC to host 'Cash for College' workshop

The Northern Marianas College will be hosting its third "Cash for College" workshop aimed at helping students obtain financial assistance for college. The workshop is made possible by the financial support of the U.S. Department of Education's College's Access Challenge Grant Program.

Workshop attendees will receive personal assistance and guidance in completing financial aid forms for the CNMI Scholarship, the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, the Saipan Higher Education Financial Aid, and other scholarships.

NMC staff from the Office of Admissions and Records will also be present to assist new students with the enrollment and application process.

"We are inviting interested individuals to take advantage of our services during the NMC "Cash for College" workshop," said NMC interim president Lorraine T. Cabrera. "The purpose of this workshop is to assist students in their efforts to obtain much needed financial aid for college and to encourage students to pursue higher education."

The free workshop will be held on June 19, at the As Terlaje campus in Building A. Participants can stop by at anytime between the hours of 9am and 3pm.

Participants are encouraged to bring a valid identification card, tax forms, proof of residency for 2008 and 2009, a proof of continuing residency, and an official high school transcript.

For more information, contact the NMC Financial Aid Office at 234-5498 Ext. 1526 or email daisym@nmcnet.edu. ***(NMC)***

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Natural Resources Conservation Service

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Fact Sheet:
Conservation Stewardship Program

Overview
The Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) encourages agricultural and forestry producers to address resource concerns by (1) undertaking additional conservation activities and (2) improving and maintaining existing conservation systems.

Eligibility
CSP is available to all producers, regardless of operation size or crops produced, in all 50 States, the District of Columbia, and the Caribbean and Pacific Island areas. Eligible lands include cropland, grassland, improved pastureland, rangeland, nonindustrial private forest land, and agricultural land under the jurisdiction of an Indian tribe.

Applicants must:
- Be the operator of record in the USDA farm records management system for the eligible land being offered for enrollment;
- Have effective control of the land for the term of the proposed contract;
- Be in compliance with the highly erodible land and wetland conservation provisions

Benefits to Participants
CSP pays participants for conservation performance—the higher the performance, the higher the payment. Contracts are five years in length. Participants who are historically underserved producers may receive a minimum payment of $1,000 if the contract amount in any given year is less than that amount.

How CSP Works
NRCS makes CSP available on a nationwide basis through continuous sign-up, with announced cut-off dates for ranking and funding applications. PIA critical resource concerns are soil quality, soil erosion, water quality, plant and animal resources. Applications are evaluated and ranked relative to other applications that address similar resource concerns in the State. In the ranking process, producers get credit both for conservation measures they have already implemented and for new measures they agree to add. Agricultural land and nonindustrial private forest land applications are ranked separately.

Potential applicants are encouraged to determine whether CSP is the right program for them by completing the self-screening checklist and downloading the CSP Conservation Activity List to identify new conservation activities they might install. Because some conservation enhancements work better when implemented as a group, the activity list identifies enhancement "bundles" that receive both higher rankings and higher payments.

If an applicant is preapproved for funding, NRCS requests the applicant's conservation activity records and conducts on-site field verification to ensure that the information provided is accurate. Once the information is verified, NRCS and the applicant proceed to develop the contract.

More Information
For more information on CSP, visit www.nrcs.usda.gov/new_csp. The local NRCS Field Office can also answer any questions about the program and provide applications. The contact information is as follows Guam Field Office at 735-2111 or the Saipan Field Office at 236-0888.

Application deadline for signup is June 25, 2010

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Island Snapshots

INDEPENDENCE DAY

Filipinos on Tinian have their picture taken with Fr. Isidro Ogumoro in front of the San Jose Church on Sunday, June 13, 2010, to commemorate the 112th celebration of the Philippine's Independence Day.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

CULTURAL DAY

A group of male performers wow the crowd during Saturday's Cultural Day celebration at the Oleai Elementary School campus. Hundreds of spectators graced the occasion that also raised over $15,000 for the school's sports equipment.

MONETH G. DEPOSA

TOP STUDENTS

Hopwood Junior High School's valedictorian, Jace Pineda, center front row, poses with her parents Tess and Elmer Pineda and educational officials during Tuesday's promotions ceremony on campus.

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COLOR GUARD

HONOLULU—U.S. Coast Guard Petty Officer 2nd Class Mark Cura and other members of the 14th Coast Guard District's color guard team return from posting colors at a renovation kickoff ceremony, held at the Prince Jonah Kuhio Kalanianaole Federal Building, June 4, 2010. The ceremony included remarks from Hawaii Sen. Daniel Inouye, Hawaii Mayor Mufi Hannemann and various other dignitaries from Oahu.

U.S. COAST GUARD PHOTO/PETTY OFFICER 3RD CLASS MICHAEL DE NYSE

Dandan Elementary School students give a special performance during Saturday's cultural day festivities on campus.

MONETH G. DEPOSA

Hopwood Junior High School's salutatorian, Ezra Lizama, center, poses with parents Shirley and Ben along with education officials during the promotions ceremony Tuesday at the school's campus.

MONETH G. DEPOSA

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Ashley Monique on your graduation. We're very proud of you! Greetings from your Bazalinan family.

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ROTARY PRESENTATION

Special assistant for youth affairs Michael C. Manglona addresses the members of the Rotary Club of Saipan as acting program coordinator Vernon-Lee I. Manglona looks on during the club's Tuesday meeting at the Hyatt Regency's Giovanni's Restaurant.

CLARISSA DAVID

PUBLIC FORUM

The Tinian municipality conducted its first public forum on June 5, 2010, on the Department of the Interior report and the proposed military buildup. Municipal Council chair Patrick Manglona, center, talked about citizens needing information on what the buildup would mean to the island community. Others in photo are Emmy Menzies, left, and Gabriel Santos. Another public forum was held on Saturday, June 12, 2010, at the Tinian Elementary School cafeteria regarding the Guam-Tinian military buildup, with guests Hope Cristobal and Dr. Victoria Leon Guerrero of "Guam Experience."

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Business

IT&E increases Asia-Pacific bandwidth capacity

HARMON INDUSTRIAL PARK, Guam—IT&E announced yesterday it has substantially increased its bandwidth capacity between Guam and the United States utilizing the new 20,000-km Asia-American Gateway through an IRU with Bharti Airtel.

AAG is a high-bandwidth fiber optic submarine cable system with a U.S. West Coast collocation facility in Los Angeles, California. It is the third fiber optic submarine cable system utilized by IT&E.

AAG provides connectivity between Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand, Brunei, Vietnam, Hong Kong, the Philippines, Guam, Hawaii, and the U.S. West Coast.

AAG was designed from the start for broadband commercial traffic relying on field proven Dense Wavelength Division Multiplexing (DWDM) technology to provide upgradable transmission facilities to the US and seamless interconnection with other major cable systems on a global scale.

With AAG, IT&E increased its Internet bandwidth capacity and added backup redundancy in the event of a disruption in other submarine cable systems. The additional capacity will enable IT&E's wired and wireless broadband subscribers in the various federal, commercial, and public anchor institutions (i.e. health, education, safety) sectors to avail of the increasing demands for specialized applications that require high-bandwidth in the market place today. ***(PR)***

Obama declares 'reckless' BP will pay Gulf cleanup

WASHINGTON (AP)—Vowing to "make BP pay," President Barack Obama accused the oil giant of "recklessness" in his first address to the nation from the Oval Office Tuesday night, eight weeks to the day after the catastrophic oil spill began destroying waterways, wildlife and a prized Gulf Coast way of life.

Obama

"We will fight this spill with everything we've got for as long it takes," declared Obama, whose own presidency has been stumbling because of the gushing oil. A new Associated Press-GfK poll even indicates as many Americans disapprove of his handling of the crisis—52 percent—as felt that way about President George W. Bush's handling of the Katrina aftermath.

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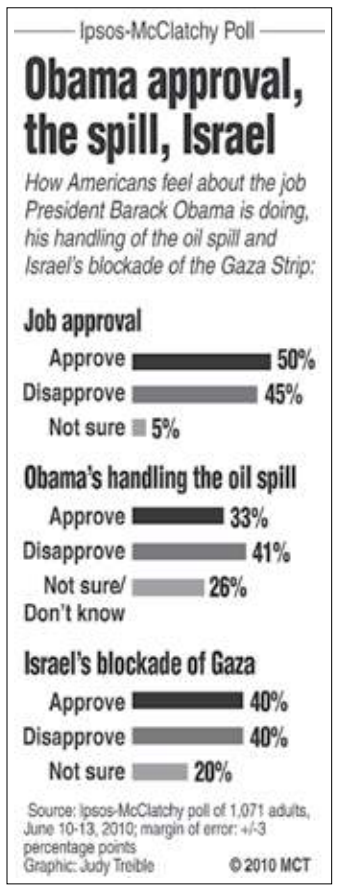
NEW ORLEANS (AP)—Scientists provided a new estimate for the amount of oil gushing from the ruptured well in the Gulf of Mexico on Tuesday that indicates it could be leaking up to 2.52 million gallons of crude a day.

A government panel of scientists said that the ruptured well is leaking between 1.47 million and 2.52 million gallons of oil daily. The figures move the government's worst-case estimates more in line with what an independent team had previously thought was the maximum size of the spill.

"This estimate brings together several scientific methodologies and the latest information from the sea floor, and represents a significant step forward in our effort to put a number on the oil that is escaping from BP's well," Energy Secretary Steven Chu said in a statement.


Ipsos-McClatchy Poll
Obama approval, the spill, Israel
How Americans feel about the job President Barack Obama is doing, his handling of the oil spill and Israel's blockade of the Gaza Strip:
Job approval
Approve 50%
Disapprove 45%
Not sure 5%
Obama's handling the oil spill
Approve 33%
Disapprove 41%
Not sure/ Don't know 26%
Israel's blockade of Gaza
Approve 40%
Disapprove 40%
Not sure 20%
Source: Ipsos-McClatchy poll of 1,071 adults, June 10-13, 2010; margin of error: +/-3 percentage points
Graphic: Judy Treible
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Apple, AT&T hit with glitches on new iPhone orders

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Apple and AT&T are facing two major problems taking orders for the newest iPhone model just a week before it hits stores: Buyers reported problems registering their orders and an apparent glitch in AT&T's website was depositing some customers into strangers' accounts.

Troubles in meeting demand for the iPhone aren't new.

But the latest apparent breach and other recent security foul-ups by AT&T could lead to identity theft—and have consequences for both companies. Critics and customers have called for Apple to allow other carriers to serve the iPhone in the U.S., and the latest problems offer another argument.

The computer systems at Apple Inc., maker of the iPhone, or AT&T Inc., its exclusive U.S. carrier, have had various problems every year since the first iPhone launched in 2007.

Some customers who tried to buy an iPhone 4 on Tuesday said they were met with error messages on the company websites, and lines formed in stores as clerks tried to get orders into their systems.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

EU warns Spain, Portugal to keep up budget cuts

BRUSSELS (AP)—The European Union's executive has warned Spain and Portugal that they will have to keep up their painful budget cuts into 2012 to curb deficits and regain markets' confidence. In reports published Tuesday, the EU Commission says both countries' pledges to make big cutbacks next year are in line with bringing their budget deficits down to the EU's maximum of 3 percent of gross domestic product by 2013. In May, Spain and Portugal were pressed into making major budget cuts by other EU nations, who were worried that the two eurozone nations' heavy borrowings could force them to require bailouts to make debt repayments, as happened with Greece. EU Commission President Jose Manuel Barroso told the European Parliament that government efforts to reduce debt were essential to restore confidence in Europe's economy.

Fed adopts rules to protect credit card customers

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Federal Reserve adopted new rules Tuesday aimed at protecting credit card customers from getting socked by lofty late payment charges and other penalty fees. The rules respond to public and congressional outrage over practices by credit card companies. They bar credit card companies from charging a penalty fee of more than $25 for paying a bill late. They prohibit credit card companies from charging penalty fees that are higher than the dollar amount associated with the customer's violation. They also ban so-called "inactivity" fees when customers don't use the account to make new purchases and they prevent multiple penalty fees on a single late payment. The rules take effect on Aug. 22.

Nation

Ariz. lawmaker takes aim at automatic citizenship

PHOENIX (AP)—Emboldened by passage of the nation's toughest law against illegal immigration, the Arizona politician who sponsored the measure now wants to deny U.S. citizenship to children born in this country to undocumented parents.

Legal scholars laugh out loud at Republican state Sen. Russell Pearce's proposal and warn that it would be blatantly unconstitutional, since the 14th Amendment guarantees citizenship to anyone born in the U.S.

But Pearce brushes aside such concerns. And given the charged political atmosphere in Arizona, and public anger over what many regard as a failure by the federal government to secure the border, some politicians think the idea has a chance of passage.

"I think the time is right," said state Rep. John Kavanagh, a Republican from suburban Phoenix who is chairman of the powerful House Appropriations Committee. "Federal inaction is unacceptable, so the states have to start the process."

Earlier this year, the Legislature set off a storm of protests around the country when it passed a law that directs police to check the immigration status of anyone they suspect is in the country illegally. The law also makes it a state crime to be an illegal immigrant. The measure, which takes effect July 29 unless blocked in court, has inflamed the national debate over immigration and led to boycotts against the state.

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This April 19, 2010 file photo shows Arizona state Sen. Russell Pearce, R-Mesa, making a point during a vote on SB1070 , a new immigration bill, in Phoenix.

LA cardinal's deposition in abuse case released

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Los Angeles Cardinal Roger Mahony didn't call police in 1986 after a priest admitted to molesting two boys, and he didn't warn parishioners because the priest told him the children were illegal immigrants who had returned to Mexico, according to court documents released Tuesday.

Mahony, 74, said he didn't take stronger action against the Rev. Michael Baker because he didn't know the victims' identities and because Baker told him the abuse happened outside the parish.

The cardinal testified that he also did not ask his staff to search for the boys but instead sent Baker to a residential center in New Mexico for treatment and later placed him on restricted ministry.

Much of how Mahony handled Baker has already been made public, but the testimony released by the court marked the first time the cardinal gave a sworn deposition about his actions as head of the Los Angeles archdiocese, including how he handled allegations against Baker over a 14-year period. The deposition released Tuesday was part of a sex abuse lawsuit that recently settled for $2.2 million.

ACROSS THE NATION

Colo. man went on solo mission to kill bin Laden

DENVER (AP)—An American construction worker has been detained in the mountains of Pakistan after authorities there found him carrying a sword, pistol and night-vision goggles on a solo mission to hunt down and kill Osama bin Laden. Catching bin Laden was Gary Brooks Faulkner's "passion," his brother said, noting that the 50-year-old has been to Pakistan at least six times, learned some of the local language and even grew a long beard to blend in. Relatives and acquaintances said Faulkner is a devout, good-humored Christian who requires dialysis and did time in prison years ago. "A lot of kids grow up and say, `I want to be Rambo,' you know? Well, he is," said Faulkner's brother, Scott Faulkner, 43. Gary Faulkner arrived June 3 in the town of Bumburate and stayed in a hotel there. The Greeley, Colo., man was assigned a police guard, as is common for foreigners visiting remote parts of Pakistan.

Utah man facing firing squad denied federal stay

SALT LAKE CITY (AP)—A federal judge on Tuesday denied a request from a Utah death row inmate seeking to postpone his execution while he pursues a civil rights lawsuit. U.S. District Court Chief Judge Tena Campbell rejected the petition from Ronnie Lee Gardner—who is set to be executed by firing squad Friday—after determining it was unlikely his lawsuit would be successful. "I simply cannot grant, on the evidence before me, the motion for a stay," Campbell said. Gardner's attorney Andrew Parnes said he will appeal the decision to the U.S. 10th Circuit Court of Appeals in Denver. Gardner is scrambling to block his execution after losing an appeal at the Utah Supreme Court and failing to persuade the state parole board to grant him clemency.

Pet waste removal worker finds $58 in dog poop

ST. LOUIS (AP)—This is why your mother says to wash your hands after handling money: A St. Louis worker found $58—packed in dog poop. Steve Wilson works for DoodyCalls Pet Waste Removal. On a recent call, he noticed money sticking out from doggie doo. Wilson wasn't sure what to do, but eventually pulled out the bills, sanitized them, placed them in a plastic zip-locked bag and returned them to the customer. It turned out to be $58. The company said the money was torn, but the serial numbers were identifiable, which means the bills could be returned to a bank and replaced with new money. The Association of Professional Animal Waste Specialists says Wilson is the first person in his profession to find and report money in dog poop.

Asia

NKorea warns of military response on ship sinking

UNITED NATIONS (AP)—North Korea warned Tuesday that its military forces will respond if the U.N. Security Council questions or condemns the country over the sinking of a South Korean navy ship, which it vehemently denies.

At a rare news conference, North Korea's U.N. Ambassador Sin Son Ho demanded that a military investigation team from North Korea be permitted to go to the site of the sinking to verify the result of a South Korean probe "in an objective and scientific way," which the South has refused to allow.

He said there is "a touch and go situation that a war may break out any time ... on the Korean peninsula due to the reckless military maneuvers of South Korea," which has accused the North of torpedoing the ship and is seeking U.N. action to punish it.

Sin called the accusation against North Korea "a farce concocted by the U.S. and South Korea in pursuit of their political purposes" and accused the South of fabricating the results of its investigation "from A to Z."

AP

North Korea's U.N. Ambassador Sin Son Ho, center, flanked by members of his delegation, addresses a news conference at the United Nations, Tuesday, June 15, 2010.

If the North Korean inspection team visits the site, Sin said, "everything will be clarified."

The ambassador said North Korea wasn't accusing anyone of sinking the 1,200-ton Cheonan on March 26, which claimed the lives of 46 South Korean sailors. He reiterated his government's claim that the corvette was grounded, noting that the area where it sank has "a lot of rocks."

The ambassador called the news conference a day after North Korea and South Korea made separate presentations to the Security Council on the ship sinking.

The council said in a statement afterward that it is concerned the ship sinking could endanger peace on the Korean peninsula, and it urged Seoul and Pyongyang to refrain from any provocative acts.

At least 49 killed in Bangladesh landslides

COX'S BAZAR, Bangladesh (AP)—Powerful landslides triggered by heavy rains killed at least 49 people in southeastern Bangladesh on Tuesday, striking a coastal area as people slept and burying many alive inside their homes.

Rescuers pulled bodies from under chunks of mud covering mostly thatched huts before rescue work was suspended because of darkness, officials said.

As the rain continued to pound, officials feared the toll could rise. At least five soldiers were confirmed dead and another was missing after their camp was hit by a mudslide.

The mudslides struck early Tuesday in two areas in Cox's Bazar, 185 miles (296 kilometers) south of the capital, Dhaka, in a hilly and forested region near the border with Myanmar.

Kabir Ahmed, a 45-year-old villager, said he felt something shake his mud-walled and tin-roof house before a stream of mud and trees came down on top of it.

"It was raining when I woke up to say my morning prayers," Ahmed said. "Then there was the jolt followed by rolling mud."

Ahmed survived when he went out in darkness to see what was happening. Before he could return, his house was covered with tons of mud burying his wife and three young children alive.

Rains hampered rescue efforts with many roads inundated.

Fire fighters and soldiers were using cranes and water hoses to clear debris from a makeshift military camp in the Ramu area that was buried under mud, said local photographer Rashedul Majid. Several vehicles were covered by layers of mud and a huge banyan tree had collapsed on a bamboo-and-tin roof shelter, he said.

A district magistrate in Cox's Bazar, Mohammad Jasim Uddin, confirmed the deaths of five soldiers and said another was trapped.

ASIAN BRIEFS

5 NATO troops, Afghan official die as attacks rise

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)—Five NATO troops including one American died Tuesday, continuing a grim trend that could make June among the deadliest months of the nearly 9-year-old Afghan war. Five Afghan policemen and a district governor were also killed Tuesday in separate fighting across the country, which has seen an uptick in attacks by insurgents in response to increased offensives by the international coalition. U.S. officials insisted the Afghan campaign is on track, although they concede that pacifying the insurgent-riddled south will take longer than expected. Three of the NATO deaths were British—two killed in separate gunfights in southern Helmand province and a third who died in a British hospital from injuries suffered in a firefight Sunday in Helmand, according to the British government.

Another journalist killed by gunmen in RP

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—A radio broadcaster was gunned down in the Philippines on the way home from his late-night show, the second journalist killed in the country in less than 24 hours, police said Wednesday. Two motorcycle-riding gunmen shot Jovelito Agustin, 37, a reporter and anchorman of local radio station DZJC Aksyon Radyo in northern Ilocos Norte province, Tuesday night, said police official Sterling Blanco. He was killed in Laoag city as he and his nephew rode a motorcycle home after an evening broadcast, Blanco said. Agustin died in a hospital before dawn Wednesday, while his nephew was slightly hurt.

2nd carcass of endangered rhino found in Indonesia

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP)—Authorities have recovered the carcass of a Javan Rhinoceros, world's most endangered mammal, in a national park in Indonesia, the second found dead in less than a month, a conservationist said Tuesday. The remains were discovered Monday in Ujung Kulon National Park on Java island, said Widodo Ramono, head of the Indonesian Rhino Foundation. The exact cause of the death will be investigated, but like the first carcass retrieved May 20, there were no indications that poachers were involved, Ramono said. "It seems that it died naturally, because there were no signs of it being poisoned or killed. Its horn is still intact," he said.

World

UN says violence in Kyrgyzstan was orchestrated

OSH, Kyrgyzstan (AP)—The U.N. has found evidence of bloody intent behind the chaos in Kyrgyzstan that killed hundreds, left the nation's second-biggest city a smoldering ruin and sent more than 100,000 ethnic Uzbeks fleeing.

The declaration by the U.N. that the fighting was "orchestrated, targeted and well-planned"—set off by organized groups of gunmen in ski masks—bolsters government claims that hired attackers marauded through Osh, shooting at both Kyrgyz and Uzbeks to inflame old tensions.

Kyrgyzstan's interim leaders have blamed the former president's inner circle for igniting the unrest—the worst ethnic violence to hit Central Asia in 20 years. The bloodshed has eroded the provisional government's grip on power and threatens a crucial referendum planned for later this month.

At a hospital near Osh on Tuesday, dozens of wounded Uzbeks lay in corridors and on broken beds, and many said the rampages were premeditated.

"Well-armed people who were obviously well prepared for this conflict were shooting at us," said Teymurat Yuldashev, 26, who had bullet wounds of different caliber in his arm and chest. "They were organized, with weapons, militants and snipers. They simply destroyed us."

Over 100,000 Uzbeks have fled for their lives to neighboring Uzbekistan, and tens of thousands more, most of them women and children, were camped on the Kyrgyz side or stranded behind barbed-wire fences in a no man's land.

The International Committee of the Red Cross had no precise figure of the dead, but spokesman Christian Cardon said "we are talking about several hundred."

Attorney for Van der Sloot quits

LIMA, Peru (AP)—The recently hired Peruvian defense attorney for accused murderer Joran van der Sloot said Tuesday that he's quitting after receiving death threats.

"I've received threats, many threatening e-mails. I'm an older person. This isn't for me," Maximo Altez, 54, told The Associated Press.

He would not describe the threats in a brief telephone conversation, saying only that he would stop representing the young Dutchman when members of Van der Sloot's family arrive in Peru in the next few days.

Police say Van der Sloot confessed last week to killing a 21-year-old Lima student, Stephany Flores, on May 30 in his hotel room after the two met playing poker at a casino.

Van der Sloot, 22, also remains the lone suspect in the disappearance exactly five years earlier in Aruba of U.S. teen Natalee Holloway. He was twice arrested and freed in that case for lack of evidence.

It was not known who will replace Altez. Dutch officials said before Van der Sloot was charged last week that his mother, a schoolteacher in Aruba, might have to borrow money in order to afford defense counsel. She has refused to talk to reporters.

Israel: UN to take seized flotilla goods to Gaza

JERUSALEM (AP)—The United Nations will take to Gaza tons of aid supplies languishing in an Israeli port for two weeks since they were seized in a bloody sea confrontation, the Israeli military said Tuesday.

Richard Miron, a spokesman for the U.N. Mideast envoy, confirmed the deal. The military said the aid, taken from a six-ship Gaza-bound flotilla after nine people died in clashes, would fill 70 trucks.

Up to now, the Hamas rulers of Gaza have refused to accept the aid as a protest against Israel's three-year blockade of the territory. Hamas had no comment on the arrangement, under which the U.N. would take charge of seeing that the aid would be used in authorized humanitarian projects.

The Israeli military statement noted that Israel offered to let the flotilla land at an Israeli port, and then the aid would be transferred overland to Gaza after inspection, but flotilla organizers refused.

The May 31 raid on the flotilla, when commandos clashed with pro-Palestinian activists and killed nine, has focused world attention on the blockade and its dire effects on Gaza's 1.5 million people. Israel has been under intense international pressure to ease or lift the embargo since the clash.

WORLD BRIEFS

Bloody Sunday report blames British soldiers fully

LONDONDERRY, Northern Ireland (AP)—Relatives of 13 Catholic demonstrators shot to death by British troops on Northern Ireland's Bloody Sunday cried tears of joy Tuesday as an epic fact-finding probe ruled that their loved ones were innocent and the soldiers entirely to blame for the 1972 slaughter. The investigation took 12 years and nearly 200 million pounds ($290 million), but the victims' families and the British, Irish and U.S. governments welcomed the findings as priceless to heal one of the gaping wounds left from Northern Ireland's four-decade conflict that left 3,700 dead. Thousands of residents of Londonderry—a predominantly Catholic city long synonymous with Britain's major mass killing from the Northern Ireland conflict—gathered outside the city hall to watch the verdict come in, followed by a lengthy apology from Prime Minister David Cameron in London that moved many locals long distrustful of British leaders.

Cuba denounces US criticism on human trafficking

HAVANA (AP)—Cuba reacted angrily Tuesday to its inclusion on a U.S. list of countries that could be sanctioned for failing to fight human and child trafficking, calling it a "shameful slander" and part of Washington's efforts to justify its trade embargo. Cuba is one of 13 countries put on notice Monday that they are not complying with the minimum international standards to eliminate the trade in human beings and sexual slavery, and could face U.S. penalties. Compiled by President Barack Obama's administration, the list also includes Iran, North Korea, and Myanmar. Another 58 countries were placed on a "watch list" that could lead to sanctions unless their records improve. Cuba was singled out for allegedly not doing enough to prevent the trafficking of children who work as prostitutes on the island, mostly serving foreign tourists.

Mexican troops kill 15 gunmen on Taxco outskirts

MEXICO CITY (AP)—Soldiers battled gunmen for nearly an hour Tuesday on the outskirts of the popular tourist town of Taxco, killing 15 suspects as escalating bloodshed puts June in line to become the deadliest month yet in Mexico's drug war. Troops investigating suspicious activity came under fire from gunmen holed up in a house, the Defense Department said. It said no soldiers were hurt in the 40-minute shootout. Twenty guns and two homemade explosives were recovered, it added. The battle in Guerrero state came one day after 12 federal police officers were killed in an ambush in neighboring Michoacan state.

Focus

Bracketed by crimes:

Van der Sloot's last 5 years

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LIMA, Peru (AP)—For all of his garrulous charm, Joran van der Sloot didn't do himself any favors in his online interactions, where his generation tends to reveal a lot about itself.

"If I would have to describe myself as an animal it would be a snake," he wrote on his YouTube page. Perhaps wistfully wishing the past undone, he continued: "however, I want to be a lion and one day I will be a lion."

At age 22, Van der Sloot is now a caged animal. He sits in a bleak third-world prison, where he fears his fellow inmates. After requesting isolation, he shares a cellblock with a reputed Colombian murderer-for-hire.

Van der Sloot's journey from the quiet comfort of Aruba to being escorted briskly in handcuffs past Peruvian crowds screaming "murderer" is a tale of dissolution, deception and increasing desperation, according to friends and people who have chronicled his life.

Bracketing that journey are the May 30, 2005, disappearance of Natalee Holloway in Aruba and, five years later to the day, the strangling death of Stephany Flores in his hotel room in Lima, Peru. Bred in privilege on a Caribbean tourist island, a high school soccer and tennis star, the handsome, physically imposing young Dutchman has fallen about as far as a young man can fall. But between the disappearance of Holloway, one year his senior, and the death of Flores, one year his junior, where was Joran Van Der Sloot? What journey led him from the ashes of one missing-persons case to the heart of a murder?

Who, really, is he?

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The moment word got out that Van der Sloot was suspected of Flores' murder, speculation swirled that he'd left a trail of young female victims in his travels—that he was something of a playboy killer for the globalized 21st century. He likes to travel, after all, and there were visits to Cambodia, Hong Kong, Venezuela, the United States.

Peruvian police officials called Van der Sloot a "psychopath." A New York detective who worked for the Holloways, Bo Dietl, branded him "a homicidal maniac."

But no evidence has emerged thus far linking Van der Sloot to any other disappearances or killings, and he certainly does not fit the profile of a deranged loner. He has had plenty of interpersonal relationships—friends, girlfriends, ardent defenders.

"Joran isn't a monster and isn't a serial killer," his cousin, Natalia den Boer, told the AP. "I think that Joran needs help. Because something is bad in his head."

Before Lima, the only case in the past five years where he's known to have caused bodily harm was in January 2008. Then, he threw a glass of red wine in the face of Dutch crime reporter Peter de Vries right after a live TV program on which the journalist called him a liar.

But the five years in between those brackets—Holloway and Flores—were bumpy ones for Van der Sloot:

He is twice arrested in the Holloway disappearance, and twice released. He is harassed by crime-obsessed media and tracked doggedly by investigators hired by the Holloway family.

He relocates to Holland but, perpetually accosted, can't live a normal university student's life. He settles in Thailand, where he studies business without earning a degree. He buys a coffee shop.

In February, his prominent lawyer father collapses and dies of a heart attack on an Aruba tennis court at age 57. Van der Sloot flies home, lingering there after the funeral.

Then he moves. Strapped for cash, he obtains $25,000 from Holloway's mother in exchange for a promise to lead her to her daughter's body. The FBI secretly records the alleged extortion but Van der Sloot is not arrested.

Instead, he heads off to Lima to play poker. He kills Flores, Peru's police say, after a night of poker with her at a casino in which he had about 10 drinks of whiskey and pisco while she drank wine. The evidence against him is so overwhelming, they say, that he has no choice but to confess.

But what motivated Van der Sloot, as his signed confession describes, to slam Flores in the face with his right elbow, strangle her for a full minute, then take off his shirt and asphyxiate her?

In the confession, a copy of which was obtained by The Associated Press, he says Flores threw the first blow.

The two were playing online poker on his laptop, said Van der Sloot, when an insulting message arrived mentioning the Holloway case and saying, "I'm going to kill you, you little Mongoloid." He said that after he explained the Holloway disappearance and how he'd been accused of it, she punched him on the left side of his head.

There is no mention in the confession about Flores and Van der Sloot having sexual relations. Police say there is no evidence of sexual abuse.

Peru's criminal police chief, Gen. Cesar Guardia, says he's skeptical about Van der Sloot's story. The defendant is, after all, a person who described himself as "a pathological liar" in a 2007 book he co-wrote when several of the figures in the Holloway saga cashed in on the case with published accounts.

Asked about his motive for killing Flores, Van der Sloot told his questioners he didn't really know. "I lost control of my actions," the confession quotes him as saying. "I didn't know what I was doing."

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Van der Sloot's Facebook picture is a near-empty bottle of Johnny Walker Red whisky, corked, with a powerboat at rest in the ocean as a backdrop.

He likes the rapper Notorious B.I.G. and pop singer Katy Perry, the TV show South Park. He has 160 kills in the game "Mob Wars" and likes "Pissing in random places when totally drunk/wasted," Texas Hold'em Poker, Heineken beer and Barack Obama.

On his DateInAsia.com profile page, created when he was living in Thailand, he says he is attractive, agnostic, a smoker, regular drinker and a former professional card player. He retired from cards, he says, because it's "too much stress and ups and downs."

In the sleepy Bangkok suburb of Muang Ake, he attended Rangsit University in 2008 as a business major but dropped out and bought the Sawadee Cup cafe just off the campus, which served sandwiches and pizza.

One person who met Van der Sloot there, a 35-year-old schoolteacher from Illinois named Matthew Lufcy, was struck by his cavalier attitude about his notoriety.

"I would describe him as arrogant, like nobody can do anything to me. He wasn't shy about it," Lufcy said. He said he met Van der Sloot's then-girlfriend, a blonde from California. Lufcy was surprised, given all the media attention on him, that she was with him.

Van der Sloot may have been a charmer, but he apparently wasn't much of a businessman. So says the young Thai woman who, with her American boyfriend, bought the cafe from him early this year.

"I looked at the documents and balance sheets he left. Many items just look wrong," said the woman, who would identify herself only by her first name, Siripat. Still, Siripat described him as "a very affable guy. He'd invite us for meals. Sometimes, he'd let us eat for free at his cafe."

One souvenir Van der Sloot apparently picked up in Thailand is visible on his chest in a photo taken during a medical checkup after Chilean police handed him over to Peruvian authorities on June 4. It is a tattoo that says, in Thai, "never mind." The word reflects two prominent characteristics of Thai culture in foreigners' eyes: tolerance and forgiveness.

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If Joran van der Sloot can be said to have a nemesis, it is De Vries, a no-nonsense 53-year-old investigative reporter who has refused to leave him alone.

In 2008, the Dutch crime journalist broadcast video of Van der Sloot confessing in front of hidden cameras in the Netherlands to having a friend dispose of Holloway's body after, intoxicated, she went into convulsions. In the conversation with businessmen and ex-con Patrick Van Eem, Van der Sloot describes how he wanted her to give him oral sex.

In the video, Van Eem comments on the huge media hype the Holloway case has caused. Van der Sloot, smoking what appears to be a large marijuana joint, smiles.

"But now," he says, "I can abuse that as well."

Nine months later, De Vries drops another bombshell. He airs undercover footage of Van der Sloot in Bangkok alleging that he was trying to recruit Thai women to go to the Netherlands to work as prostitutes. No women were actually delivered, and Thai authorities have no record of ever opening an investigation.

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In this photo taken June 11, 2010 and obtained by The Associated Press via Peru's America Television channel, Dutch citizen Joran van der Sloot holds his inmate number before been transferred to the Miguel Castro Castro prison in Lima.

Van der Sloot's next confession comes that same month—November 2008. He tells Fox News' Greta van Susteren that he sold Natalee into sexual slavery. But before she airs the interview, he calls to say it was all a lie.

In recent months, particularly after the death of his father, it appears Van der Sloot got back into gambling in a big way online.

"I do not have a real job but am a professional poker player," he says on his YouTube page. He says he hasn't read many books, but if he had to choose a favorite it would be "Ace on the River" by Barry Greenstein, a poker strategy book.

Jaap Amesz, a Dutch reality TV star, befriended Van der Sloot and extracted yet another confession from him in the Holloway disappearance. In this one, she falls off a balcony drunk and is disposed of in a swampy lake.

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On his blog, Amesz writes about how Van der Sloot was often broke and constantly losing at poker. Van der Sloot, Amesz acknowledges, has swindled him, too. "He likes to think of himself as a gambler, but he's a loser," said Harold Copus, a former FBI agent who worked as a private investigator for Holloway's family.

The Van der Sloot family's finances were already depleted hiring lawyers to defend him in the Holloway case. Now his mother Anita, an art teacher at Aruba's international school, must pay for defense counsel in Peru.

"She is devastated. She just lost her husband a few months ago, and now she's essentially lost her son," said Julia Renfro, editor-in-chief of the newspaper Aruba Today.

Neither Van der Sloot's mother, his two younger brothers or his friends or neighbors would speak to the AP about the case. An old girlfriend, Aline Hibbert, replaced her Facebook photo with a picture of words:

"Mind Your Own Business."

On his TV show's blog last week, De Vries reported that its reporters "have gotten countless e-mails in recent months pointing to the money problems Joran had. He made up anything to get money, and did not hesitate to pry money from the pockets of friends or his own family."

The blog publishes an instant-message exchange it says is between Van der Sloot and a 20-year-old girlfriend five days before Flores was killed. In it, he asks her to wire him 300 euros in Peru. He claims his wallet has been stolen.

Separately, Amesz said on his blog that a close friend of Van der Sloot's told him Joran had run out of money, didn't know how he'd pay his hotel bill and was hungry.

In the Peru confession, Van der Sloot says he took the equivalent of $300 from Flores' wallet and that he also paid drivers who took him south to Chile with his digital camera, his watch and some clothing.

On the day he was arrested outside the Chilean capital, Van der Sloot told police an elaborate story of two bandits jumping him and Flores in his Lima hotel room. According to a transcript obtained by the AP, he asserted that one was armed with a pistol, the other with a knife.

The knife-wielder told them to be quiet, it says, "but Stephany starts to talk in a loud voice and he strikes her in the face, making her bleed from the nose." The same men, Van der Sloot claims, had pulled over Flores' car the previous day and robbed them, taking $4,000 from her and a Thai bracelet from him.

One person Van der Sloot didn't deceive in Lima was Roberto Blades, brother of the famed Panamanian singer and former government minister Ruben Blades. He told Peruvian media that he played poker at the same table as Van der Sloot at the Atlantic City casino in Lima's upscale Miraflores district and said he warned casino employees about the Dutchman.

Blades, who lives in Miami, said he was surprised at how no one in Peru seemed to have heard about the Holloway case.

He also said in one TV interview that he was astounded by Van der Sloot's brazenness in asking for help to find female companionship: "When you have that reputation, when you have history, how can you so openly be talking about how you want to pick up women?"

For an answer, he might have turned to his acquaintance's YouTube page. Listed by Van der Sloot there as one of his favorite songs is "Fear," by the rap artist Drake.

In its refrain, the rapper sings plaintively: "Please don't be scared of me."

Environment

Another bin adopted at Marine Beach

MINA congratulates Kagman High and Docomo

Kagman High School Marine Biology Club, the Mariana Islands Nature Alliance and Docomo Pacific representatives pose in front of the newly adopted trash bin at Marine Beach.
CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

In celebration of the ongoing clean-up efforts at Marine Beach by Kagman High School Marine Biology Club, the Mariana Islands Nature Alliance and Docomo Pacific surprised the group on Saturday with a new set of trash and recycling bins for the beach.

"These kids have been cleaning up Marine Beach every month for a year now. That to me is a commitment worth talking about," said Joe Kaipat, Division of Environmental Quality Cleanup Brigade coordinator. Kaipat told MINA about the club's adoption of Marine Beach shortly after the Adopt-a-Bin program was launched.

Kaipat said the 30-member club had been interested in taking part in MINA's Adopt-a-Bin program to limit the amount of picnic waste left on the ground. Picnic waste eventually washes to the shoreline to become marine debris. The club picks up 300 lbs of trash on average each month from Marine Beach, Kaipat reported. According to the club, the worst thing found during a cleanup was a car battery, a highly toxic form of marine debris.

Although the club met MINA's requirement of conducting at least two cleanups a year to Adopt-a-Bin, it lacked funding to pay $1,000 for trash hauling services. In response, local businesses were solicited to partner with the club. A similar partnership was successfully galvanized between the Susupe Hi-5 Basketball Team and U.S. Rep. Gregorio C. Kilili Sablan for a set of bins at Kilili Beach.

Last week, James Nelson, Docomo Pacific general manager, responded to MINA's call. Nelson said he was impressed by the club's volunteerism and commitment to the environment and that his company would be happy to partner with the Club to Adopt-a-Bin.

After seeing the new bins in place on Saturday, Nelson surprised MINA in turn, by saying that Docomo Pacific would adopt a second bin for Saipan's western shore. MINA is now seeking a partner for that bin. If you are interested in putting your name on the map of MINA's Adopt-a-Bin program, contact 233-REEF or mina@minapacific.org.

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Like the black landscape fabric you may be used to seeing, a layer of newspapers will keep sunlight from reaching young weeds waiting to emerge. Newspapers also encourage earthworm activity, which makes your soil better in the process. As the worms break down the paper their waste provides fertilizer for the soil and their tunnels help to provide beneficial oxygen.

Plus, it's simple. Clear the area where you want to prevent weeds from sprouting. Layer sections of the newspaper across the area. If it's windy you can lightly water the newspaper sections first to prevent them from blowing about. Overlap the layers by several inches to prevent gaps. Put down at least six to eight sheets. The thicker the layer of newspaper the better the weed control. Spray the papers lightly with water until soaked. Cover the area with leaves, grass clippings, straw, bark or rock. It looks better when the soaked papers are covered but it also helps to keep them in place until they break down.

There's no need to worry about the ink on the newspapers. In the past lead, cadmium and other toxic heavy metals were commonly used in paper inks. Now, however, most publishers use organic pigments, which are the same as those used in tattoos, lipstick, hair coloring and other cosmetics.

You may also see the "soy ink" symbol on a newspaper, which tells the reader that the newspaper company is using soy-based inks for printing.

You can also use the glossy inserts of the newspaper but the coating on the paper will prolong the process of breaking down. Such papers are best used sparingly or on problem areas. And if you have a particularly dense or stubborn patch of weeds, try using cardboard!

Keeping your garden weed-free doesn't have to be a backbreaking job nor do you have to use a bunch of potentially hazardous chemicals. Do Your Part and re-purpose your newspaper for a free, easy and eco-friendly solution to preventing weeds in your garden.

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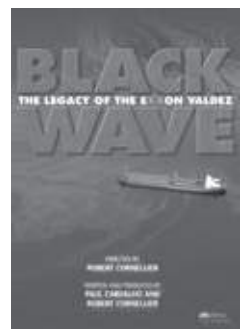
Put newspaper to work in your garden. Once you read it, you can recycle it or you can re-purpose it to snuff out stubborn weeds without using potentially toxic chemicals.

Oil spill film to kick off environmental film series at American Memorial Park

In light of the recent oil spill disaster in the Gulf of Mexico, the film *Black Wave* will be shown to the public for free at American Memorial Park on July 2 at 7 p.m.

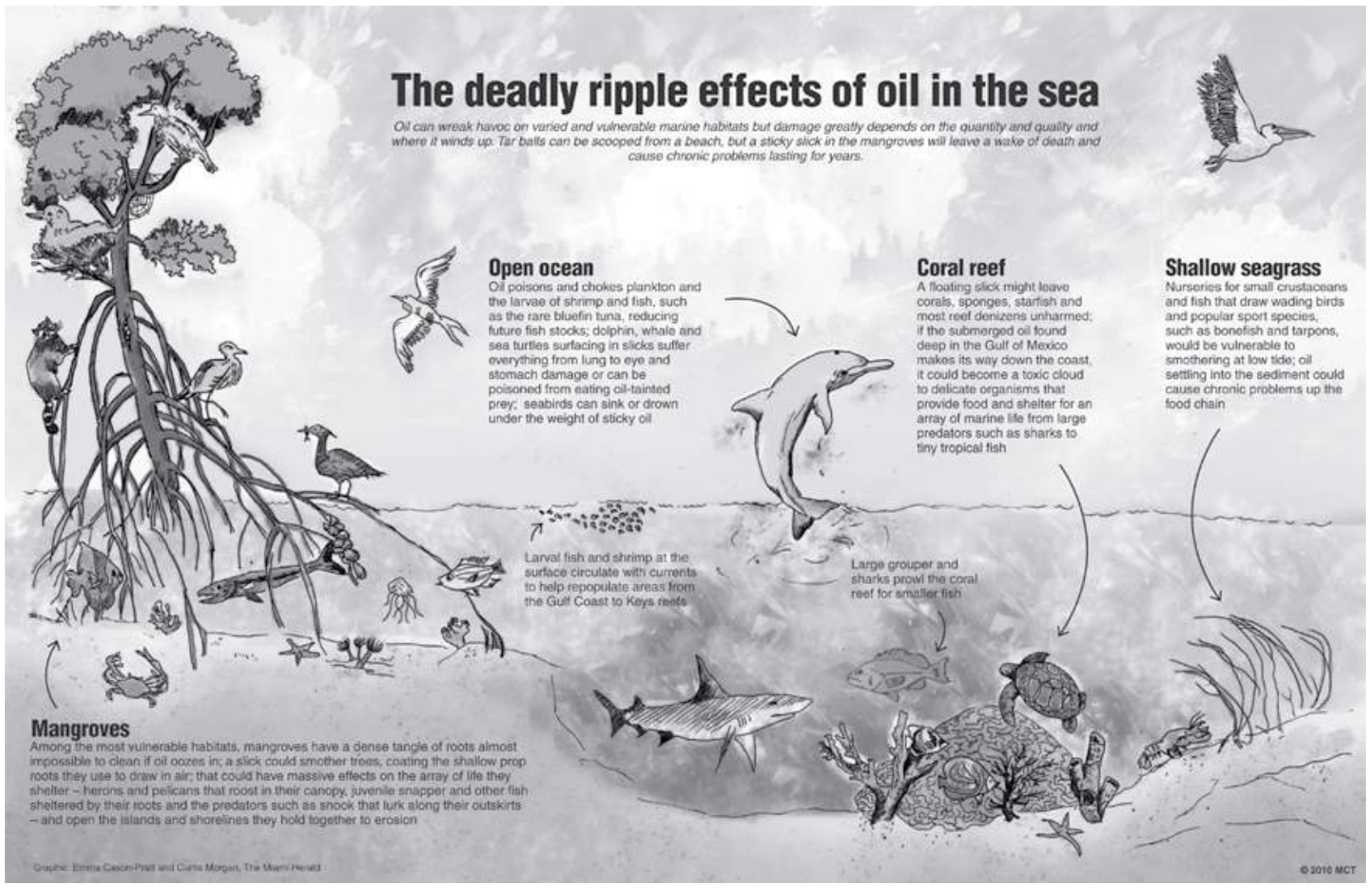


Sponsored by the Mariana Islands Nature Alliance (MINA), *Black Wave* is a documentary about the 20-year legacy of the Exxon Valdez oil spill. In the early hours of March 24th 1989 the Exxon Valdez oil supertanker ran aground in Alaska and discharged millions of gallons of crude oil into sensitive Artic waters. The incident became the biggest environmental catastrophe in North American history.

Black Wave kicks off "First Friday Films" – a free monthly environmental film program aimed at inspiring the community to become actively involved and make environmentally friendly choices. Following the film, local oil spill responders will discuss the Gulf of Mexico spill and the response plans in place for the CNMI.

"First Friday Films" is coordinated through a partnership between the Division of Environmental Quality and American Memorial Park, with the generous support of organizations such as MINA.

For a list of upcoming films, dates and times, visit DEQ's Web site at: www.deq.gov.mp . ***(PR)***


The deadly ripple effects of oil in the sea
Oil can wreak havoc on varied and vulnerable marine habitats but damage greatly depends on the quantity and quality and where it winds up. Tar balls can be scooped from a beach, but a sticky slick in the mangroves will leave a wake of death and cause chronic problems lasting for years.
Open ocean
Oil poisons and chokes plankton and the larvae of shrimp and fish, such as the rare bluefin tuna, reducing future fish stocks; dolphin, whale and sea turtles surfacing in slicks suffer everything from lung to eye and stomach damage or can be poisoned from eating oil-tainted prey; seabirds can sink or drown under the weight of sticky oil
Coral reef
A floating slick might leave corals, sponges, starfish and most reef denizens unharmed; if the submerged oil found deep in the Gulf of Mexico makes its way down the coast, it could become a toxic cloud to delicate organisms that provide food and shelter for an array of marine life from large predators such as sharks to tiny tropical fish
Shallow seagrass
Nurseries for small crustaceans and fish that draw wading birds and popular sport species, such as bonefish and tarpons, would be vulnerable to smothering at low tide; oil settling into the sediment could cause chronic problems up the food chain
Larval fish and shrimp at the surface circulate with currents to help repopulate areas from the Gulf Coast to Keys reefs
Large grouper and sharks prowl the coral reef for smaller fish
Mangroves
Among the most vulnerable habitats, mangroves have a dense tangle of roots almost impossible to clean if oil oozes in; a slick could smother trees, coating the shallow prop roots they use to draw in air; that could have massive effects on the array of life they shelter – herons and pelicans that roost in their canopy, juvenile snapper and other fish sheltered by their roots and the predators such as snook that lurk along their outskirts – and open the islands and shorelines they hold together to erosion
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Life & Style

Philippine prison orchestra in 1st public concert

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MANILA, Philippines (AP)—The sound of Broadway medleys and love songs echoed inside the walls of the Philippines' maximum security penitentiary Tuesday when convicts, many of them serving life sentences for murder and other major crimes, gave their first public concert.

The 100-member Bureau of Corrections Grand Orchestra and Chorale at the New Bilibid Prison in Manila played Broadway pieces and love songs in the local Tagalog language to prison officials, relatives and media. A soloist, backed by the orchestra, also sang "New York, New York" as women inmates in top hats and coattails danced.

Prison officials and organizers said the project was part of efforts to showcase musical talents of some of the inmates and help prepare them for release. The performance was reminiscent of an Internet smash hit several years ago, when the central Cebu provincial prison warden organized hundreds of inmates to dance to Michael Jackson's songs. Their performances have received millions of hits on YouTube.

Saxophone player Rey Matias, a 45-year-old inmate serving a life sentence for murder, said his days are now filled with band practice, a welcome change from the boredom of loitering around the maximum security compound, staring into space and pondering his fate.

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Filipino inmates play musical instruments and sing during the first public performance of the Bureau of Corrections Orchestra and Chorale inside the social hall of the New Bilibid Prison maximum security compound in suburban Muntinlupa, south of Manila, Philippines on Tuesday June 15, 2010.

"When the band was put up, it put color and perked up our days," he said. "Even a prisoner can be proud of something."

"I'm so happy because my heart is in music and even while detained, I can do what I want," said Manuel Esguerra Jr., 58. The former military band member and murder convict is serving a life term.

Bureau of Corrections Director Oscar Calderon said through music they hope to reform the inmates and "remove their criminal minds, soften up their feelings."

Security in the prison was low-key during the performance, although police sharpshooters stood guard. Relatives and reporters could mingle and talk freely with the inmates inside the hall. After the performance, the inmates, clutching their instruments, were led back to their cells.

The group does not have all the elements of a modern orchestra, such as a full string section, but they have an impressive complement of brass and woodwind instruments. Warren Zingapan, an inmate who organized the performance, said it's a good start.

He said that because music transcends barriers, the symphony and chorale members feel that even while they are physically detained, their music can go beyond the walls of the facility.

"Just by that alone ... it is as if they are free," said Zingapan, who topped the civil engineer board exam in 1996 but later was sentenced to life in prison for murder over a killing at a fraternity rumble.

CNN's Anderson Cooper attacks BP for staying away

NEW YORK (AP)—CNN's Anderson Cooper said Tuesday that he still hadn't heard from BP after his attack on the company for failing to make its representatives available to talk about the Gulf oil spill on his nightly newscast.

On Monday night's show, Cooper took the unusual step of playing tape of 14 different nights in which he told viewers that the company had either not responded to requests for interviews or declined. He said the company failed the test of transparency and its officials don't like to be asked tough questions.

"It's easy for me to kind of smile about this and almost kind of make a joke about it," Cooper said on the air. "But it's not a joking matter."

BP has run into some trouble with the media during the nearly two-month oil spill, including reporters who have complained about restricted access to workers cleaning up the oil or areas affected by the spill.

Cooper's harsh words were noteworthy, particularly given a lack of complaints from other networks. They left him walking a thin line between informing his viewers about BP's unwillingness to answer questions on his newscast or appearing petulant that he's not getting guests.

"I don't yell at people," Cooper said Tuesday. "I'm not trying to embarrass anybody. I think they just need to be held accountable for the public statements. I think they'll get a lot tougher questions Thursday on Capitol Hill than they would on my program, but it's their right to pick and choose."

BP representatives did not immediately return messages for comment on Cooper left by phone and e-mail.

BP Managing Director Bob Dudley did appear on Cooper's program on May 19. Cooper said he had not heard whether the company had been unhappy with the interview, although he noted that he had repeated questions that he did not feel Dudley answered at first.

He said the company had fibbed about the amount of oil leaking into the Gulf of Mexico and should be asked to explain contradictory statements.

BP's chief operating officer, Doug Suttles, was interviewed last week by CNN anchor John Roberts. Another CNN reporter, Kyra Phillips, was given access to a U.S. Coast Guard vessel in the Gulf.

Gate crasher to appear on 'Real Housewives of DC'

NEW YORK (AP)—Executives at the Bravo network took a long time deciding whether to go ahead with its "Real Housewives" series based in Washington after one of its stars crashed President Barack Obama's first state dinner, its programming chief said.

The network said Tuesday it was going ahead with the series featuring Michaele Salahi, starting Aug. 5 (9 p.m. EDT).

Bravo was nearly at the end of filming the latest installment of its "Real Housewives" franchise last November when Salahi and her husband, Tareq, talked their way into the White House affair. The embarrassment forced the White House to tighten security restrictions.

The network could either go ahead with the series or scrap the season altogether, Andy Cohen, the top programming executive, said Tuesday. There was no way at that stage to simply replace her, he said.

"It was a long, engaged process" to decide on going ahead, he said. "There were many, many serious conversations. I think when everyone sees the show they'll agree it was the right thing."

Cohen said Bravo was as surprised as the rest of the country to find out the morning after the dinner that the Salahis had gone somewhere uninvited; the gate crashing was not encouraged or suggested by Bravo. Its production company had filmed them getting ready for the event.

He rejected the view that Bravo was rewarding Salahi for bad behavior.

After the gate crashing, Bravo had said no decision had been made on whether Salahi would be in the cast—a statement that would seem contradictory to Cohen's claim Tuesday that the network was nearing the end of its filming when it happened.

But he said Bravo has made calls in the past to cut or de-emphasize people they thought would be main characters but whose stories were eclipsed during the process of editing tape and putting the show together.

"If anything, (the incident) put her more in jeopardy for being on the show because she became such a lightning rod," Cohen said. But during editing, it became clear how connected Salahi was to the other characters' stories. The final decision to keep her was made about six weeks ago, he said.

A state dinner, particularly a new president's first, could be considered the Super Bowl of power events in the political city. Much of "The Real Housewives of D.C." series focuses on how influence in the city is derived as much from proximity to power as money, Bravo said.

The gate-crashing incident will be dealt with in the series toward the end of its run, Cohen said.

"It's not the Salahi show," he said. "She's one of five women."

Other "Real Housewives" joining Salahi are Mary Schmidt Amons, the granddaughter of TV personality Arthur Godfrey; Lynda Erkiletian, the founder of a modeling agency; Catherine Ommanney, a British import who's an interior designer; and Stacie Scott Turner, a real estate agent who started a charity for teenage girls in foster care.

Jackie Chan's son Jaycee prefers music to movies

HONG KONG (AP)—Jackie Chan's son says he has overcome initial doubts about joining his father in show business, but he prefers making music over movies.

Six years after his movie and album debut, 27-year-old Jaycee Chan said he was starting to shed the baggage of his famous family name and finding his niche in the Chinese-language entertainment industry.

Chan

"At first I did (have doubts), but not any more because I found quite a few supporters and fewer and fewer haters," Chan told The Associated Press with a chuckle. "So I'm happy with what I'm doing now."

But speaking late Monday on the sidelines of the Hong Kong premiere for his new romance, "Break Up Club," the singer-songwriter was keener to speak about his music career. The younger Chan recently released his third album, "Messy," which he hopes will offer an alternative to the sappy ballads that dominate Chinese pop.

"I'm not that into that. I think music is more than only love. It can be family love. It can be friendship," Chan said.

He said he enjoys music more than the trade of his action-star father.

"My music career is actually more important than my movie career because music is me, only. I create them (the songs), I sing them, I write them, I direct most of my own music videos," Chan said.

He said in movies he felt like a pawn. "People tell me to do this, I do it, I get the money and I'm happy. If the movie does well, I'm even happier," Chan said. "But if it's music, that's on me. If it's not good, I'm the one to blame."

He penned 16 of the 18 songs on his new album.

Chan said his parents—his mother is retired Taiwanese actress Lin Feng-jiao—are supportive and often give him advice, but he retains control over the direction of his career.

"They want (my career) to be better, so they tell me, 'You should do this and that,' but at the end of the day I'm the one who's in charge of quality control. I try to put my stuff out the way I want to," he said.

Miley Cyrus: 'I'm not trying to be slutty'

LONDON (AP)—Miley Cyrus won't be told what she should wear or what she should sing about. The 17-year-old is releasing new album, "Can't Be Tamed," and is doing it her way, even though some say she is going to too far for her age.

"I'm not trying to be 'slutty,'" said Cyrus in a recent interview. "I'm not trying to be like, go to the club and get a bunch of guys ... What I'm trying to do is to make a point with my record and look consistent, in the way my record sounds and the way I dress."

What she wears has been put under the spotlight recently. Some thought the video for "Can't Be Tamed" was too provocative, and others have criticized her for revealing too much skin in her outfits.

Cyrus admits to being partial to shorts and hot pants. But she sees nothing wrong with flashing her legs.

"I'm really comfortable with my body, I work really hard to be fit and to know that I can wear whatever makes me most comfortable. I feel more comfortable dressing with a little less, which is just how I've always been," she said.

"Now I'm able to do that a little more freely and, also, I've just grown up to be this way too. It's not like this was me five years ago. It's me now, presently."

Maturing is Cyrus' current mission.

She'll finally shed the blonde wig of her Disney pop star persona, "Hannah Montana," when it ends this year. Then Cyrus will be free to embrace her solo stardom and sex appeal.

"When you're 11, the word you would use to describe someone is definitely not sexy, and as you get older I think you grow into that. And I think I've done that but that's not my schtick. That's not what I'm trying to do to sell records. I want people to buy my record because of my music."

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In this May 29, 2010 file photo, American singer and actress Miley Cyrus performs during her concert at the Rock in Rio music festival in Lisbon.

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Jackie Chan, Jaden Smith
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The A-Team

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Liam Neeson, Bradley Cooper
Action • Rated PG 13

Marmaduke

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Owen Wilson, George Lopez
Children's, Family • Rated PG

Synopsis

Canine comic strip star Marmaduke leaps to the big screen with this family-friendly comedy starring Owen Wilson as the voice of the Great Dane. Also lending their voices to the 20th Century Fox production are Steve Coogan, pop star Fergie, George Lopez, and the brotherly duo of Damon and Marlon Wayans, with William H. Macy and Judy Greer heading up the human cast.

Killers

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Ashton Kutcher, Katherine Heigl
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Adrien Brody, Sarah Poley
Science, Fiction • Rated R

The Prince of Persia

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Jake Gyllenhaal, Gemma Arterton
Adventure • Rated PG 13

Get Him To The Greek

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Jonah Hill, Russell Brand
Comedy, Fantasy • Rated R

Sex And The City 2

Friday			10:00
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Sarah Jessica Parker, Kim Cattrall
Comedy • Rated PG

Shrek: The Final Chapter

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Mike Myers, Cameron Diaz
Comedy, Fantasy • Rated PG

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Police: 2nd Sheen car taken, rolled off LA cliff

LOS ANGELES (AP)—For the second time in five months, a Mercedes-Benz owned by Charlie Sheen was stolen and sent off Mulholland Drive near his Santa Monica Mountains home, authorities said Tuesday.

Firefighters responding to a report of a traffic accident found the silver, 2010 Mercedes S600 about 100 feet down a brushy ravine about 3 a.m., Fire Department spokesman Eric Scott said.

Sheen

The car was running and its lights were on. Nobody was inside, and it showed no signs of forced entry, authorities said.

Sheen's publicist Stan Rosenfield said he believed the keys were in the ignition, but police would not confirm that information. Rosenfield declined to comment further, citing the ongoing police investigation.

Someone apparently took the luxury car from Sheen's driveway, where it was parked Monday, and the star of TV's "Two and a Half Men" didn't know it was missing, police Officer Norma Eisenman said.

Officers impounded the vehicle to fingerprint it, she said.

The car was found in the same area off Mulholland Drive where another Mercedes owned by Sheen was found on Feb. 5.

The black, four-door car apparently was stolen from Sheen's garage and pushed or driven over the cliff, where it came to rest upside down. Sheen had left the keys inside.

A Bentley was later found off the same road. Police said they received reports of three other car break-ins in the area.

Bahamas cops: No foul play in designer's death

NASSAU, Bahamas (AP)—Police in the Bahamas said Tuesday they have ruled out foul play in the death of a South Florida interior designer whose elegant creations were popular with movie stars, models and fashion icons.

Superintendent Leon Bethel said authorities have determined what caused the death of J. Wallace Tutt III but were not yet prepared to make any public announcements, citing an ongoing probe.

On a Web site created in his memory, family and friends said the 53-year-old's death appeared to be heart related. They said his partner, Don Purdy, found his body Saturday morning in a grassy area near his exclusive Harbour Island home.

Tutt made a name and a fortune designing and building lavish homes for the glitterati—late Italian designer Gianni Versace's mansion in Miami Beach, and houses for Cher in Florida and California.

"He was a supremely talented man, whose boundless energy and ideas were realized in all areas of design," says the Web site created by his family and friends.

Tutt moved to a private retreat near Harbour Island in 2002, where he transformed an old home into a nine-room luxury boutique hotel called the Rock House. Harbour Island is known for its 3-mile (2-kilometer) pink-sand beach.

Court bars stunt jumper from Empire State Building

NEW YORK (AP)—A TV daredevil who tried to parachute off the Empire State Building can't set foot in the landmark again, a court has ruled.

Jeb Corliss was permanently barred from the skyscraper as part of a ruling last week in a lawsuit filed by the building's corporate owners. The court decision also tossed out Corliss' claims that the owners defamed and otherwise harmed him in responding to the April 2006 episode.

Corliss' lawyer, Mark Jay Heller, called the ruling "a hollow victory" for the skyscraper's management, saying the stuntman had already promised to avoid the building unless invited back. A spokeswoman for the Empire State Building didn't immediately return a call Tuesday evening.

Corliss, 34, is a BASE jumper—the acronym stands for "building, span, antenna, earth"—who says he's made more than 1,000 successful leaps from structures and cliffs around the world. He lives in Malibu, Calif.

He was the host of a Discovery Channel program called "Stunt Junkies" when he donned a fat suit with a parachute hidden underneath and went up to the 102-story Empire State Building's 86th-floor observation deck on April 27, 2006. He stripped off the disguise in a bathroom, put on a helmet with a video camera and scaled a fence at the edge of the deck. Security guards stopped him by grabbing him through the fence.

Corliss was later convicted of a misdemeanor charge of reckless endangerment. He was sentenced to 3 years' probation and 100 hours of community service.

He told the jury he didn't "think there was anything wrong with what I do" and believed BASE jumping should be a right. The Empire State Building's owners saw those remarks as a continuing threat to trespass at the storied skyscraper.

The $12 million lawsuit also argues that the stunt attempt harmed business at New York City's tallest skyscraper, in part by forcing an hourlong shutdown of the observation deck. Corliss denies those allegations, and last week's ruling said they merit a trial.

Corliss, meanwhile, said the skyscraper's owners had defamed him by calling his conduct "illegal" in court papers—a claim Manhattan state Supreme Court Justice Jane Solomon rejected, noting his conviction. She also nixed his claim that the handling of the incident caused him emotional distress.

"Preventing an individual from jumping off of the 86th floor of the Empire State Building is neither extreme nor outrageous," Solomon wrote.

Randy Jackson hospitalized for chest pains

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Randy Jackson, brother of the late pop legend Michael Jackson, was hospitalized Tuesday in Southern California.

Jackson, 48, experienced chest pains around noon on Tuesday and was taken to Huntington Memorial Hospital in Pasadena, where he is currently awaiting the outcome of tests, a source close to the Jackson family who spoke only on the condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak publicly said.

The source told The Associated Press that doctors at the hospital think it was a mild heart attack, but this has not yet been confirmed.

On Monday, Randy Jackson was in court with his family for a hearing in the involuntary manslaughter case of Dr. Conrad Murray who is accused in connection with Michael Jackson's death. Randy Jackson arrived after everyone else and stopped to hug his parents, his brothers and sister LaToya before the hearing began.

This May 18, 2005 file photo shows Randy Jackson arriving for his brother Michael Jackson's child molestation trial in Santa Maria, Calif.

AP

Last week, he made an appearance on CNN's "Newsroom" and expressed the opinion that Murray should be charged with first-degree murder. He also said he thought others were implicated in Michael's death.

In a series of posts on Twitter in the last few weeks, Randy Jackson said he had succeeded in stopping an unapproved tribute show to Michael in Rome which had been scheduled on June 25, the anniversary of his death. He said he also had been talking to officials at Forest Lawn Glendale in an effort to have fans admitted to the area near Jackson's tomb on the anniversary.

He said in his posts that the fans had been a great source of comfort to him.

"At times, I'm sad & broken," he tweeted. "But ur supprt helps 2 encourage me and fuel my motivation 2 continue this fight 4 truth&justice."

ENTERTAINMENT TIDBITS

Helen Hunt to join off-Broadway show 'Our Town'

NEW YORK (AP)—Helen Hunt is joining David Cromer's acclaimed off-Broadway production of "Our Town." The Academy Award-winning actress will play the role of Stage Manager from July 6 through Aug. 1. Cromer's production of Thornton Wilder's play began playing at the Barrow Street Theatre in February 2009. Hunt has performed in the play before. She played Emily in the Lincoln Center, Tony Award-winning production that starred Spalding Gray as Stage Manger in 1988-1989. Hunt is the sixth to play Stage Manager in the production. She follows Michael McKean in the role. McKean's final performance will be July 4.

Manager: Levi Johnston, Bristol Palin more cordial

JUNEAU, Alaska (AP)—There may be a thawing in relations between exes Bristol Palin and Levi Johnston. Johnston's manager, Tank Jones, says the two are spending more time together for their son's sake. But Jones says they're not back together. The couple became a public face for teenage pregnancy amid Sarah Palin's 2008 run for vice president. Bristol Palin is the eldest daughter of the former Alaska governor. The teen couple broke up after son Tripp's birth in December 2008, and the two have been to court over child support. Jones says the two didn't speak for a while but have become more cordial. Palin family attorney Thomas Van Flein says they recognized a "joint interest" in raising their son in a positive environment and are taking steps to co-parent in a way that serves his best interests.

BET to give Prince lifetime achievement award

NEW YORK (AP)—This month's BET Awards will be a royal affair: Prince is getting a lifetime achievement honor. The 52-year-old joins the likes of James Brown, Whitney Houston, Diana Ross and Al Green in being honored by the BET Awards, which will celebrate its 10th year in Los Angeles on June 27. BET says the Prince tribute will stand out. Stephen G. Hill, president of programming, music and specials for the network, said BET will celebrate the Rock and Roll Hall of Famer's "unique style." "Prince is dynamic. Prince is genius. Prince is music," Hill said of the performer, who has 10 platinum albums and 30 Top 40 singles to his name. The BET show will be hosted by Queen Latifah and include performances by Kanye West.

Early Mondrian painting stolen in Netherlands

AMSTERDAM (AP)—Police say a portrait painted by Dutch artist Piet Mondrian early in his career has been stolen from a museum in the Netherlands. Thieves apparently forced the doors at the Freriks Museum in the eastern town of Winterswijk in the early hours of Tuesday morning and took the painting, police say in a statement. The piece, Portrait of Arda Boogers, is dated to around 1908. It is a naturalistic portrait of a young woman, far different in style from the abstract minimalist paintings for which Mondrian is best known. Police called for witnesses or people with tips to come forward Tuesday. The painting was insured for €23,000 ($28,000).

Free NYC concert canceled after crowd gets unruly

NEW YORK (AP)—Police say a free New York City concert set to feature pop band Hanson and Canadian rapper Drake has been canceled after organizers lost control of throngs of unruly revelers. Drake was to headline the concert at Manhattan's South Street Seaport on Tuesday after the release of his debut album. Police say organizers were anticipating 10,000 people but 20,000 showed up. They say people climbed roofs and threw chairs and bottles. Officers were called in to disperse the crowd shortly after an opening act went on. Two people have been arrested on minor charges; six have suffered minor injuries. The concert was at the Seaport's Pier 17, where several free concerts are scheduled this summer. It was sponsored by Paper magazine, which calls the cancellation unfortunate.

'Cove' star calls on Hollywood to save dolphins

TOKYO (AP)—The former dolphin trainer and main character in the Oscar-winning documentary about the dolphin hunt in Japan said Tuesday he has invited Daryl Hannah and other Hollywood stars to the village of Taiji to prevent the killings from starting again. Ric O'Barry, whose documentary "The Cove" has been canceled in Japan following threats against movie theaters, said Hannah had confirmed her trip to a music festival in Taiji he is organizing in September. Other celebrities who have already voiced their support for his cause include Jennifer Aniston, Courteney Cox, Jason Mraz, Chris Tashima and Robin Williams. They all appear in a public service announcement in support of "The Cove." The former dolphin trainer for the "Flipper" TV show believes his trip to Taiji last year with journalists, including The Associated Press, which brought international attention to the hunt, helped pressure fishermen to refrain from culling dolphins. This year he said he wants to bring 1,000 people to make sure the hunt doesn't start up again.

Apple uncensors images for Joyce, Wilde iPad apps

NEW YORK (AP)—Oscar Wilde and James Joyce have not lost the power to shock, at least on the iPad. Apple said Tuesday that it was mistaken in restricting images for apps for Robert Berry's comic book edition of Joyce's "Ulysses," which contains nudity, and for panels showing two naked men kissing in Tom Bouden's graphic novel of Wilde's "The Importance of Being Earnest." Spokeswoman Trudy Miller said developers had been allowed "to resubmit their original drawings" and use the original artwork. "Ulysses," a landmark of modern fiction, was the subject of a 1930s court case that ended with a federal judge ruling the novel was not obscene. Wilde's mockery of Victorian morals made him a scandalous figure in late 19th-century England.

Jealousy is justified when wife drinks with 'the boys'

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
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Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: My wife and I disagreed with your advice to the woman whose husband was upset about his wife going out for drinks with her male co-workers. ("Pulled in Two in Pennsylvania," April 2). We have been happily married for many years, and neither she nor I feel comfortable with a female employee going for drinks with mostly males.

Drinking can lower inhibitions. Many office affairs begin in similar situations. In addition, no one should be driving home after two or more drinks. Office parties or get-togethers should not be held at bars. Employers can be held responsible for a multitude of things that can happen after these socials.

That woman's husband may be too protective or controlling, but he is not out of line to be upset about the situation.

BOB IN LEWISVILLE, TEXAS

DEAR BOB: Thank you for your comments. I told "Pulled in Two" that her husband appears to be insecure and can change only if he's willing to own up to it. However, many readers felt differently—distinctly differently. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: As someone with a "jealous" husband, I beg to differ. There is a positive definition of jealousy—rightly guarding what belongs to a person. This man may be guarding the relationship he has with his wife. He may sense some danger from her "friendly" and "happily married" co-workers that she doesn't see. Although they have been married 16 years, it seems his jealousy arose only after she took this job.

I speak from experience as someone who didn't realize I had boundary issues with men. I thought I was just being friendly, but my husband helped me understand where to draw the line. In doing so, I have seen how much he values our relationship and wants to protect it.

I am a college graduate and have worked in my profession more than 25 years. I'm not a throwback to the days of male domination. I appreciate my husband's concern and wisdom.

"Pulled" needs to find a way to put her marriage ahead of having fun with her co-workers. Jobs come and go; a great marriage can last a lifetime.

JO ANN IN GEORGIA

DEAR ABBY: Every company I have ever worked for invited employee spouses to attend almost all after-work social events. Only rarely, once or twice a year, may they have had an employee-only function. I suspect "Pulled in Two" enjoys the extra attention she is getting from her male co-workers. Otherwise, I bet she could invite her husband.

BEEN THERE IN AZTEC, N.M.

DEAR ABBY: It does seem that the husband is insecure, but there may be another explanation. Some of the most jealous spouses I have witnessed were the ones who caroused the most. Obviously, since they cannot be trusted, they project that unwarranted lack of trust onto their mate.

ILENE IN CORPUS CHRISTI

DEAR ABBY: Any time social drinking is a part of a "work" event, the opportunity for inappropriate behavior presents itself. Many marriages have been ruined because of a "mistake" or "I didn't mean it to happen—it was the alcohol."

If "Pulled" wants to go out drinking with male associates rather than go home to her husband, she is taking the road that leads away from a strong marriage. I faced that crossroad many times throughout my life and have never once regretted telling the ladies I couldn't join them because I already had a commitment at home. The result has been 30 years of wedded bliss with no "mistakes."

JOHN IN THE SUNSHINE STATE

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Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson

HELLO?
HI SUSIE! IT'S ME, CALVIN! I WAS WONDERING IF YOU'D LIKE TO COME OVER AND PLAY.
WHY SURE! BOY, I DON'T THINK YOU'VE EVER INVITED ME TO...
CALVIN, WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
NOTHING, MOM. GO AWAY.
YOU'RE CONTAGIOUS! YOU CAN'T HAVE ANYONE OVER TO PLAY!
SHH! SHH! YOU'LL SPOIL THE WHOLE THING! I WAS GOING TO TRICK SUSIE INTO CATCHING... HEY! LET GO! ON! *CLICK*
ANY CHANCE OF GETTING TRANSFERRED, DAD?
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By Jim Davis

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE FOR YOUR BIRTHDAY THIS YEAR?
A CAKE?
OH, A BIG CAKE
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Adam@home

By Bryan Basset

I'VE ESTABLISHED A POOL OF MY FAVORITE TEAMS BASED ON THEIR ROLE IN THE GLOBAL COFFEE TRADE.
TODAY, I CHEER FOR MEXICO. CAMEROON ON SATURDAY.
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WOW. THAT'S LIKE THE SUPER BOWL OF BREW.
I'M CALLING IT THE "COFFEE CUP."
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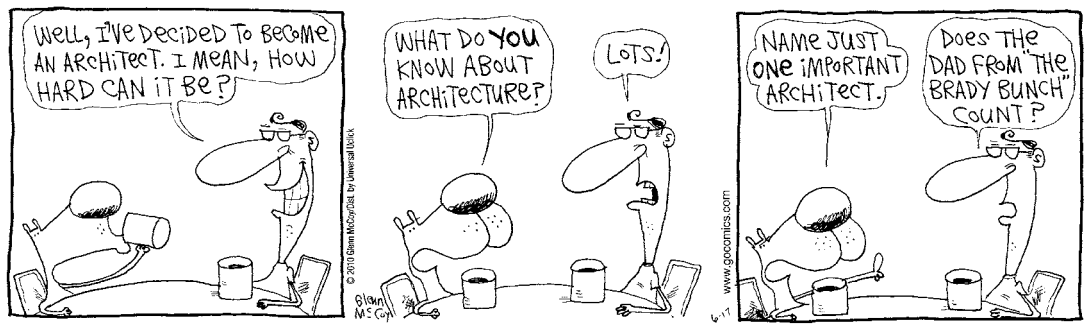
The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy


Well, I've Decided To become AN ARCHITECT. I MEAN, HOW HARD CAN IT BE?
WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT ARCHITECTURE?
LOTS!
NAME JUST ONE IMPORTANT ARCHITECT.
DOES THE DAD FROM "THE BRADY BUNCH" COUNT?
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CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
1 Sir's partner
5 Chart format
8 Grand story
12 Actress Jessica
13 Be indisposed
14 Exceptional
15 Poker variety
16 Pen point
17 In due time
18 High-speed 35-Across
20 Home sick, maybe
22 Lumberjack's need
23 Prot. or Cath.
24 Pumps up the volume
27 Learn by heart
32 Pirouette pivot
33 George's brother
34 Fresh
35 Auto
38 Curved molding
39 Swelled head
40 Menagerie
42 Ingredient in Scotch
45 "Absolutely"
49 Ready for the picking
50 Matterhorn, for one
52 Waikiki wingding
53 Hebrew month
54 Meadow
55 Gaelic
56 Deep desires
57 Very long time
58 Drunkards

DOWN
1 Korea-based sitcom
2 Choir member
3 Touch
4 Port city of India
5 Covering a wide area
6 Midafternoon, maybe
7 Exile isle
8 Chalkboard accessory
9 Wallpaper alternative
10 Unyielding
11 Minimal change
19 Beast of burden
21 Pal, on the streets
24 $ dispenser
25 Cattle call
26 Collar style
28 Historic time
29 Almond confection
30 Last letter
31 Ram's mate
36 Leering folks
37 Shad product
38 A great amount (of)
41 Performing
42 Hee-haw
43 Staffer
44 Harvard rival
46 Multinational coin
47 Sunrise direction
48 Union member's payment
51 Zodiac feline

Solution time: 25 mins.

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Yesterday's answer 6-17

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49				■	50	51		■	52			
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56				■	57			■	58			

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Happy Birthday: You have to be conscientious about completion this year. Do not leave anything undone or someone else will take control and get credit for your ideas. Strive for stability, not the impossible. Sometimes less does turn out to be more. Get rid of dead weight. Your numbers are 6, 13, 26, 34, 35, 38, 42

ARIES (*March 21-April 19*): The work you do on your own and for your benefit will bring you the rewards you are looking for. An appointment to improve your looks or a shopping spree will get you out of a funk and back to your confident self. ✪✪✪

TAURUS (*April 20-May 20*): You can move forward but not before you get approval from the people in your life affected by your decisions. Listening to what other people are offering will give you an idea what's missing and how you can make what you have to offer superior. ✪✪✪✪

GEMINI (*May 21-June 20*): Let everyone do his or her own thing and get on with your own business. Expect to face a do-or-die situation at home with regard to an emotional issue involving time, money and a broken promise. ✪✪

CANCER (*June 21-July 22*): Added responsibilities at home will cause uncertainty initially but, in time, will lead to the long overdue alterations you need to make in order to be happy. An old relationship will bring back memories but shouldn't influence a pressing decision. ✪✪✪✪

LEO (*July 23-Aug. 22*): Do your best to help others, finish what you start or resolve an issue that you left dangling. The more you address, the more you will be able to focus on the things you want to put emphasis on in the future. Hard work will pay off. ✪✪✪

VIRGO (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): You can't expect to please everyone. Do your best but do not deviate from the plans you have already made. Work done to your home will be costly and not to your satisfaction, unless you do the work yourself. ✪✪✪

LIBRA (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): Your intelligence, coupled with your ability to turn a negative into a positive, will help you get your way. Someone you feel responsible for has a hidden agenda. Look out for your own interests first, then you can offer help to others. ✪✪✪

SCORPIO (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): Taking action will surprise the people you are trying to outsmart. Revenge cannot be your motivation but truly wanting to get ahead can. Justice and fair play must rule your world. ✪✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): Difficult situations will arise. The outcome will be out of your hands. Proceed with caution and protect your emotional, mental and physical well-being. Stick close to home and you will avoid some of the problems. ✪✪

CAPRICORN (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): Get an insider's view of what is actually happening contractually, financially or legally to a deal or company you are affiliated with. Sign up to learn something new or update a skill. Don't wait around for things to happen—initiate your own plans. ✪✪✪✪✪

AQUARIUS (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): You'll be sought after by someone who sees what you have to offer but, before you decide to join forces, make sure this person has something to offer in return. The more creative input you have, the easier it will be to get things done to your specifications. Discuss but don't commit. ✪✪✪

PISCES (*Feb. 19-March 20*): Dissect recent circumstances before you make a decision. You will have regrets if you act in haste or disregard what's happened. Right now, it's probably best to give the benefit of a doubt. ✪✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are driven and determined, forceful, emotional and sensitive. You are impulsive and curious.

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

		6		2		4		
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Difficulty Level ★★★ 6/17

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Saturday's SUDOKU Answer

4	6	7	3	8	5	2	1	9
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8	2	5	9	3	1	6	4	7
3	7	1	4	6	8	5	9	2
6	9	4	5	7	2	8	3	1

Difficulty Level ★★★ 6/16

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WONDERWORD®

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and **CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD.** The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

SONAR MUSIC FESTIVAL IN BARCELONA **Solution: 6 letters**

R	C	B	M	R	S	G	N	O	(S)	T	J	U	N	E
A	E	I	A	L	T	C	T	(N)	I	S	S	A	D	G
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B	A	A	E	B	S	(F)	K	T	I	S	O	R	Y	T
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Yesterday's Answer: Property

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Chain of command

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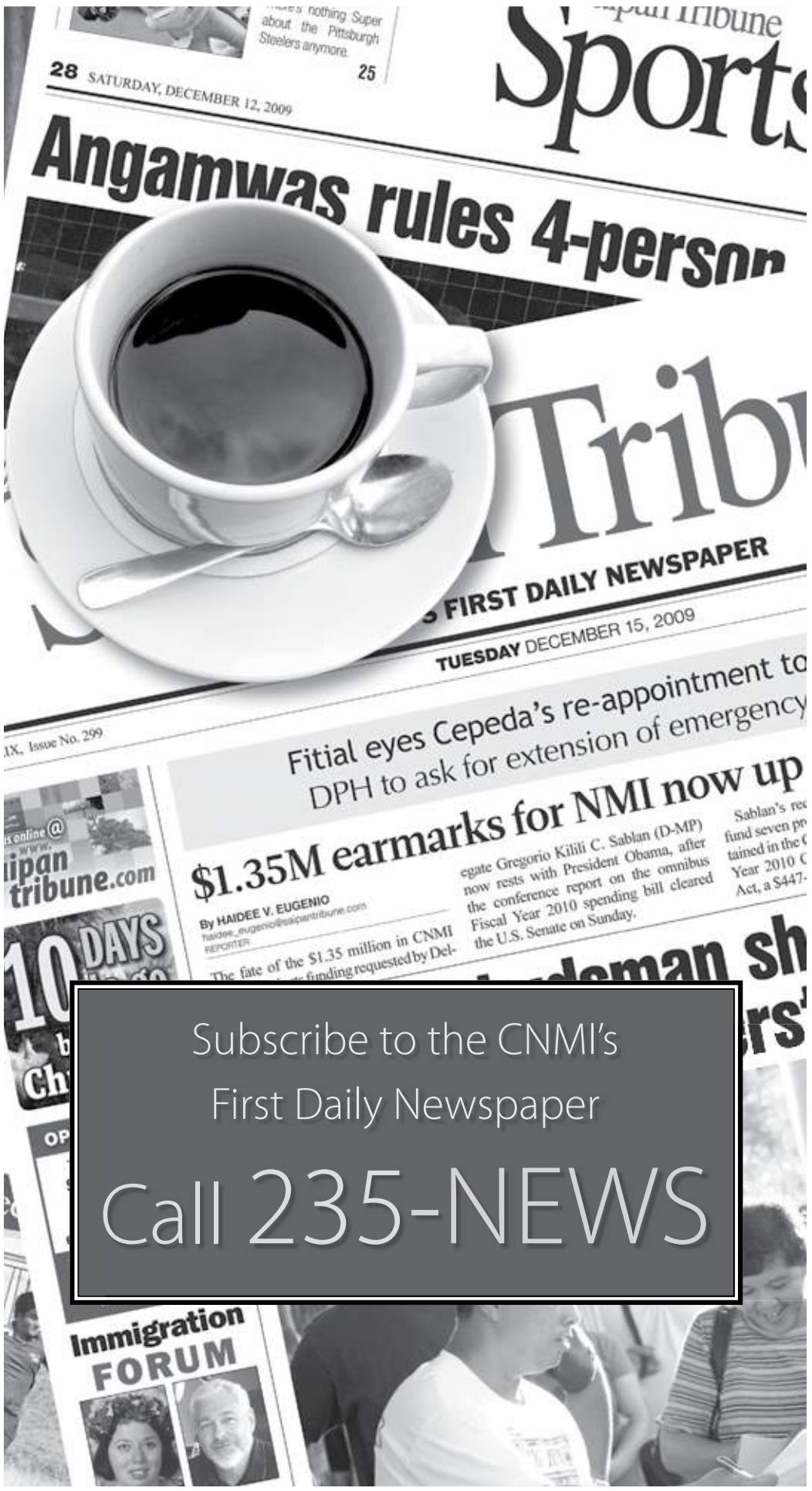

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

WELLS FARGO FINANCIAL, Plaintiff, vs. ALBERT U. CHARFAUROS and FRANCISCA C. CHARFAUROS, Defendants.	)	CIVIL ACTION NO. 09-0481 NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to the Foreclosure Sale Order, dated June 10, 2010, issued by the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Defendants Albert U. Charfauros and Francisca C. Charfauros' interests in Lot 001 G 151, located in Saipan, CNMI, will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder, on terms and conditions set forth herein below.

Date, Time and Place of Sale. The Sale will be held on Monday, June 28, 2010, at the hour of 10:00 a.m. at the Law Offices of O' Connor Berman Dotts & Banes, Second Floor, Marianas Business Plaza, Susupe, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The sale will be open to the general public.

Inspection of Property. The property is described as Lot 001 G 151, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 001 G 04, the original of which was recorded 27 MAR 1986 as Document No. 86-511 at Commonwealth Recorder's, Saipan. Failure to inspect the property or any portion thereof will not constitute the basis for any claim, adjustment, or rescission of the auction sale.

Warranties and Covenants. The property listed for sale in this Notice will be sold in its current condition. The sale will be held without any warranties or covenants whatsoever, whether express or implied, including but not limited to warranties of title. Neither the undersigned nor the Plaintiff may give any warranty or covenant express or implied for the property listed for sale in this Notice. Neither the undersigned nor the Plaintiff shall be liable for the quality of the property listed for sale in this Notice, or for any fault or defect in the description thereof. Buyers shall not be entitled to rescission, damages, or any remedy on account thereof.

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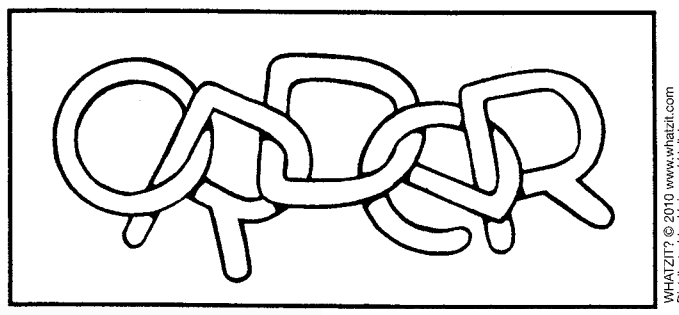

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Find today's solution in this section

Lakers rout Celts, force Game 7 in NBA finals

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Buckle up, Boston and L.A. These epic NBA finals are going to Game 7.

Kobe Bryant made sure of it, with plenty of help from the rest of the revitalized Los Angeles Lakers.

Bryant scored 26 points, Pau Gasol added 17 points and 13 rebounds, and the Lakers emphatically extended the NBA finals to a decisive seventh game with a 89-67 victory over the Boston Celtics in Game 6 on Tuesday night.

Ron Artest added 15 points for the Lakers, who stared down elimination by jumping to a 22-point lead during a dazzling first half. While limiting Boston to the second lowest-scoring performance in NBA finals history, the defending champions stretched the finals to the limit for the first time since 2005.

A champion will be crowned Thursday night at Staples Center.

Ray Allen scored 19 points for the Celtics, who took an ugly pratfall on the verge of winning their unprecedented 18th title. It turns out their longtime rivals are still quite serious about earning their 16th championship.

Two years after the Celtics ended the finals with a 39-point blowout of the Lakers in Game 6, Los Angeles turned Game 6 into a long nightmare for Boston. Only Utah's infamous 54-point performance against Chicago in 1998 was worse than this offensive disaster, which included 33 percent shooting and a 52-39 rebounding advantage for the Lakers.

"We did a great job," Bryant said. "We have to come with the same energy, the same dedication to defense (in Game 7)."

Bryant grabbed 11 rebounds, and Gasol led the Lakers with nine assists in a remarkable bounce-back game for Los Angeles, which dominated from the opening minutes by vacuuming up rebounds and playing relentless defense. The Lakers' bench largely took care of the rest, outscoring Boston's reserves while the Celtics failed to make a run.

"Our defense was good, our rebounding was better," Lakers coach Phil Jackson said.

AP

Los Angeles Lakers guard Kobe Bryant shoots as he is defended by Boston Celtics forward Kevin Garnett during the second half of Game 6 of the NBA basketball finals Tuesday, June 15, 2010, in Los Angeles.

"It's really a high-tension situation," added Jackson, a 10-time champion who has never coached a Game 7 in the finals. "Players have come down to putting a lot on the line at this particular point. It's not about the coaching at that point. They've already got it in them. It's about who comes out and provides the energy on the floor."

These rivals have played a Game 7 four times in their 12 previous finals meetings, with Boston winning all four. But it hasn't happened since 1984 - and it hasn't happened to Bryant, who looks determined to stake his claim among the NBA's greats in pursuit of his fifth championship.

Bryant was a one-man band for much of the Lakers' three-game stay in Boston, but Los Angeles was a symphony in Game 6. Gasol was a constant low-post presence and playmaker after disappearing for long stretches of the series, while Artest harnessed his wildly inconsistent jumper and hit three 3-pointers.

"We want to carry everything we did tonight to (Game 7), and then I think we'll be in a very good place to win," Gasol said. "When you bring the intensity we did tonight, good things are going to happen."

With first lady Michelle Obama watching from a luxury box, the Lakers were on their best behavior—and the Celtics responded terribly to the chance to clinch a title.

Paul Pierce scored 13 points and Kevin Garnett added 12, but the Celtics' offense was a jumbled, stand-around mess. Rajon Rondo, the late-game hero in Boston's last appearance in Los Angeles, got off to a 1-for-8 shooting start before finishing with 10 points and six assists.

"I thought we'd play better, obviously," Boston coach Doc Rivers said. "I thought we were ready. ... We played an individual game tonight on both ends. We never gave ourselves an opportunity offensively, because we never trusted each other. Everybody was out to make their own place."

After earning the NBA's second-best road record during the regular season, the Celtics must win on the road again to avoid becoming just the third team to blow a 3-2 series lead in the 2-3-2 finals format.

The Celtics lost starting center Kendrick Perkins in the first quarter to a sprained right knee when he landed awkwardly under the hoop, but his absence couldn't explain the Lakers' utter domination of the first half—a 30-13 rebounding edge while holding Boston to 34 percent shooting and frustrating Rondo.

"We didn't get in any rhythm early, and it affects our chemistry," said Allen, whose two 3-pointers were his first since hitting a finals-record eight in Game 2. "We each tried to make the home run play early. As a starting unit, we take responsibility. We have to do a better job next game."

There hasn't been a winner-take-all finals game since San Antonio finished off Detroit five years ago, and Thursday's Game 7 will be the 17th in NBA history. The Spurs' victory over the Pistons was the first Game 7 since 1994, when the Houston Rockets capped a comeback with two home victories over the New York Knicks and their point guard—Rivers.

The Celtics were on the verge of finishing off the Lakers after winning three of the last four games, including Game 2 in Los Angeles and the last two back in Boston. With their fluid offense purring and their sturdy defense holding the Lakers to meager scoring totals, the Celtics needed just one win in the final two games to clinch another title.

But facing their first series deficit and elimination game of the postseason, the Lakers kept their championship cool. The Lakers improved to 10-1 in the postseason at Staples Center, using the homecourt advantage they earned by finishing ahead of the Celtics, the East's fourth-place team before their remarkable playoff run.

The Celtics dropped to 3-4 in closeout playoff games this season, including 0-3 on the road. Boston had nine chances to finish a playoff series away from home in the past three postseasons, but has been successful only once.

Tom Izzo rejects Cavs, sticks with Spartans

EAST LANSING, Mich. (AP)—Tom Izzo resisted the temptation of possibly coaching LeBron James to focus instead on a sure thing—building the next generation of superstars at Michigan State.

"Instead of coaching them in the NBA, I'm going to coach them in the NCAA," Izzo said Tuesday night at a news conference after he turned down a chance to coach the Cleveland Cavaliers.

Izzo rejected the NBA in part because he was unable to speak with James, though he did speak with people in his camp.

"That was one of the key factors, 100 percent true," Izzo said. "That was not the only factor. Was it a big factor? Sure."

James' uncertain future will make for a difficult decision for any prospective Cavs coach. He is unlikely to tip his hand publicly before free agency begins July 1.

For the past nine days, Izzo has been trying to decide whether to leave the place that has been his home since 1983 and jump to the NBA to perhaps make $6 million—doubling his salary—and possibly coach one of the best basketball players in the world.

Izzo readily admitted that the idea of coaching James was very tempting. His son, Steven, too, was intrigued by James.

"I'll admit, if you want to be mad at somebody, Steven thought playing one-on-one with LeBron James would be a good time every day, so be mad at him."

Now, Izzo's hoping James will join him for "stay-at-home month," referencing the 25-year-old superstar's uncertain future.

"I'm staying at home," Izzo said. "I hope he stays."

Izzo certainly plans to.

A decade after declining a contract to coach the Atlanta Hawks, Izzo vowed he would not entertain another offer.

"I knew at the beginning that whatever decision I made would be a decision for life," Izzo said.

"I am going to be a lifer. This is what I'm going to be, and I'm damn proud of it."

Izzo's decision ends a nearly two-week courtship by Cavaliers owner Dan Gilbert, who was hoping a reported five-year $30 million contract would be enough to land the Spartans coach, and perhaps show James he intends to remake the Cavs following a bitter postseason loss.

"The entire Cleveland Cavalier organization has nothing but respect and admiration for Coach Izzo and his family," Gilbert said in a statement. "Tom is a special person in so many unique and positive ways. We only wish great things for him and his family in all the years ahead."

Izzo didn't seem at ease as he walked into his news conference along with his wife, Lupe, Michigan State president Lou Anna Simon and athletic director Mark Hollis.

He kept his head down when Simon made her opening remarks, sipping water, tapping his feet and fidgeting with his fingers and rubbing his hands.

Kerr won't stay on as Suns general manager

PHOENIX (AP)—Steve Kerr won't return as general manager of the Phoenix Suns, despite building a team that made a surprising run to the NBA's Western Conference finals.

Kerr said at a news conference Tuesday that the decision was a personal one. He insisted that reports of a contract disagreement with owner Robert Sarver were untrue.

"This has nothing to do with money or contracts or anything like that," he said. "This is a professional and a personal decision that I'm very, very comfortable with. My family's excited about it, too."

The announcement of his departure came just 2 1/2 weeks after he expressed excitement about his future with the Suns and confidence that he and Sarver would come to an agreement on a new contract.

"It's always important to take a little down time after a season ends to let the emotion kind of simmer and make a clear-headed decision," Kerr said.

He said "a couple of opportunities" to get back into broadcasting have surfaced in the last few weeks.

Kerr was a TNT color commentator for NBA telecasts for four years before Sarver hired him three years ago. He said in an interview with The Associated Press a month ago that he sometimes longed for the simpler days behind the microphone.

Kerr, who commutes from his home in San Diego, said he would stay on the job until his contract expires at the end of June. The NBA draft is June 24.

He said he wouldn't leave if the organization wasn't in good shape.

"I wouldn't have left a year ago, where we were," he said. "But given where we are right now with a really good young base of talent, a great coaching staff, a lot of stability, a lot to be excited about in the future, I'm very comfortable making this move."

Yankees rough up Halladay, beat Phillies 8-3

NEW YORK (AP)—Nick Swisher pitched the New York Yankees past the Philadelphia Phillies and Roy Halladay 8-3 Tuesday in a World Series rematch.

Mark Teixeira, Curtis Granderson and Swisher all homered off Halladay to build a comfortable cushion for CC Sabathia in a marquee pitching matchup that fizzled early.

Brett Gardner laced a two-run triple in the second inning and the Yankees, who began the day tied with Tampa Bay for the American League East lead, won their ninth straight home game—the club's best streak in its second-year ballpark.

Sabathia (7-3) went seven innings, allowing five hits and striking out seven while winning his third consecutive start.

Rays 10, Braves 4

At Atlanta, David Price pitched out of trouble to become the AL's first 10-game winner as the Tampa Bay Rays beat the Atlanta Braves.

After a rain delay of nearly 2 1/2 hours at the start, a throwing error led to three unearned runs in a four-run first that sent Kenshin Kawakami (0-9) to another loss. He became the first starting pitcher in Braves franchise history to begin a season with nine straight defeats.

Price (10-2) was hardly dominating, lasting only five innings and throwing 113 pitches. But he got out of numerous jams, including striking out Brooks Conrad with two runners aboard on his final pitch of the night and he got some offensive help with Evan Longoria hitting a two-run homer.

The Braves' day started with news that longtime star Chipper Jones is considering retirement at the end of another disappointing season. He met with team officials before the game and indicated that an official announcement could be coming soon.

But the 38-year-old Jones showed he's still got some pop in his bat. He doubled and scored in the third, then hit a solo homer into the center-field seats in the eighth.

Cardinals 4, Mariners 2

At St. Louis, Jeff Suppan was a success in his comeback start with the St. Louis Cardinals and Albert Pujols homered in a victory over the Seattle Mariners.

Pujols is 6 for 10 with five RBIs in three games, snapping a 1 for 18 skid that dropped him below .300. He's a career .352 hitter in interleague play, best in the majors.

Suppan, signed this week after being cut by Milwaukee, worked hard to get through four innings in his first start for St. Louis since Game 4 of the 2006 World Series. It was his first start since early April and, after working out of a bases-loaded jam in the first, he allowed only one run. Suppan also doubled and scored in a three-run fourth.

Brewers 7, Angels 1

At Anaheim, Dave Bush took a shutout into the eighth inning, Prince Fielder homered and Corey Hart hit a three-run double as the Milwaukee Brewers beat the Los Angeles Angels.

Bush (2-5) allowed one run and seven hits over 7 1-3 innings in his longest outing of the season. It was the right-hander's first victory in 10 starts since winning at Pittsburgh on April 20.

Padres 8, Blue Jays 2

At San Diego, Aaron Cunningham hit his first career grand slam and Mat Latos outpitched Brett Cecil to send the San Diego Padres past the Toronto Blue Jays.

It was Cunningham's first hit as a Padre, who was called up from Triple-A Portland on Friday after Matt Stairs went on the disabled list. Cunningham doubled in his next at-bat.

Latos (7-4) retired the first 11 Toronto batters. He is 6-1 with a 2.05 ERA in his last eight starts.

Orioles 4, Giants 1

At San Francisco, Jake Arrieta gave up three hits over seven-plus innings, Adam Jones hit a home run and the Baltimore Orioles ended a four-game losing streak with a victory over the San Francisco Giants.

Ty Wigginton drove in two runs and Miguel Tejada had three hits for the Orioles. Nick Markakis doubled twice and Corey Patterson had two hits and scored twice.

Arrieta (2-0) retired eight of the first nine hitters he faced with the lone hit being Pablo Sandoval's leadoff home run in the third. No other runner got past first base against the 24-year-old right-hander.

AP

New York Yankees' Nick Swisher, left, signals to Jorge Posada as Posada comes home to score, while Philadelphia Phillies catcher Carlos Ruiz stands nearby during the second inning of a baseball game Tuesday, June 15, 2010, at Yankee Stadium in New York.

Athletics 9, Cubs 5

At Chicago, Rajai Davis and Kevin Kouzmanoff had three hits apiece as the Oakland Athletics took advantage of four errors to beat the Chicago Cubs on a rainy night.

Kouzmanoff extended his career-high hitting streak to 15 as the Athletics rebounded from a three-game sweep at San Francisco, taking this one after a 1-hour, 41-minute delay at the start.

Three-time Gold Glove first baseman Derrek Lee committed back-to-back errors in a four-run fourth and right fielder Tyler Colvin added two more in a three-run seventh that broke open the game.

Trevor Cahill (6-2) got the win despite allowing four runs and six hits over 5 2-3 innings, improving to 5-0 in his last six starts.

Twins 9, Rockies 3

At Minneapolis, Carl Pavano allowed two runs on five hits in seven innings and Jason Kubel homered to lead the Minnesota Twins over the Colorado Rockies.

Pavano (7-6) struck out five and walked one, going at least seven innings for the 10th time in 13 starts this year.

Light-hitting Matt Tolbert hit his first homer of the season and Delmon Young had three hits and for the Twins, who bounced back from dropping two of three to the Atlanta Braves at home over the weekend.

Aaron Cook (2-4) lasted just 3 1-3 innings for the Rockies, giving up five runs on nine hits with three walks.

Royals 15, Astros 7

At Kansas City, Yuniesky Betancourt's bases-loaded double keyed a seven-run, two-out rally in the fifth inning which helped the Kansas City Royals to a messy victory over the Houston Astros.

Mike Aviles went 4 for 5 with a career-high four RBIs while Billy Butler, Alberto Callaspo and David DeJesus all had three hits in the win. The Royals set a season high for runs and tied their season high with 20 hits.

Houston's Felipe Paulino (1-8), who had posted a 1.13 ERA over his three previous starts, went 4 2-3 innings and was charged with 10 runs—eight earned—on 11 hits.

Rangers 3, Marlins 2

At Miami, Matt Treanor's pinch-hit, two-run triple in the ninth inning lifted Texas to its sixth win in seven games.

Josh Hamilton led off the ninth with a single and stole second before Justin Smoak popped up and David Murphy advanced him on a groundout. Julio Bourbon walked before Treanor's hit off Leo Nunez (2-1).

Mets 7, Indians 6

At Cleveland, Johan Santana won for the first time in four starts as the New York Mets edged Cleveland.

Santana (5-3) gave up four runs and seven hits over seven innings as the Mets won their fifth straight and ninth of 10, helped out by a nifty bit of baserunning by Jose Reyes.

The left-hander fell behind early, and struck out only one, but earned his first win since beating the New York Yankees in another interleague game on May 23.

Red Sox 6, Diamondbacks 3

At Boston, David Ortiz homered, Dustin Pedroia scored three runs and Clay Buchholz had another solid start as Boston downed Arizona.

Buchholz (9-4) allowed three runs on seven hits and a walk, striking out eight in 5 2-3 innings for his sixth win in seven starts. Jonathan Papelbon pitched the ninth for his 14th save.

White Sox 6, Pirates 4

At Pittsburgh, Gordon Beckham drove in three runs as the Chicago White Sox spoiled former first-round draft pick Brad Lincoln's first start at home, extending Pittsburgh's losing streak to nine games.

Andrew McCutchen matched his career high with three stolen bases while getting three hits and a walk for Pittsburgh.

Tigers 7, Nationals 4

At Detroit, slumping Ryan Raburn hit his first homer of the season and drove in four runs as Detroit downed Washington.

Raburn drew a bases-loaded walk in the second inning, then hit a leadoff single that started a two-run fourth to make it 4-all. He hit a three-run homer in the fifth.

Raburn came into the game hitting .165. He started because center fielder Austin Jackson is day to day with back spasms.

Max Scherzer (3-6) struck out nine batters in six innings. Jose Valverde picked up his 14th save with a scoreless ninth.

Dodgers 12, Reds 0

At Cincinnati, Manny Ramirez homered and drove in four runs and Rafael Furcal tied his career high with five hits to help the Dodgers manhandle the Cincinnati Reds.

James Loney also had four hits as the Dodgers snapped a three-game losing streak.

The Reds, who spent the previous six days alone in first place in the NL Central Division, lost for the third time in four games and dropped into a tie with St. Louis after the Cardinals beat Seattle.

Hiroki Kuroda (6-4) outlasted a rain delay of 2 hours, 24 minutes to win for the first time in four starts.

Haynesworth will skip Redskins mandatory minicamp

ASHBURN, Va. (AP)—The stakes just got a little higher in the showdown between the Washington Redskins and Albert Haynesworth, who now says he will skip the team's mandatory minicamp that starts Wednesday.

The two-time All Pro defensive tackle released a statement late Tuesday through Comcast SportsNet affirming his discontent with the team's new defensive scheme and declaring that he will "continue to work individually to prepare for training camp and the start of the 2010 season."

He will likely be fined for not showing up.

Haynesworth is unhappy that the Redskins are switching to a 3-4 defensive scheme under new coach Mike Shanahan and new defensive coordinator Jim Haslett. Haynesworth is best suited as a nose tackle in a 3-4, which he feels would restrict his freedom to make the kinds of plays that made him a defensive force for seven seasons with the Tennessee Titans.

Haynesworth left the Titans as a free agent last year and signed a seven-year, $100 million contract that includes $41 million in guaranteed money to join the Redskins. He quickly turned out to be a disappointment. Frequently injured, his fitness and attitude were subject to doubt. He finished with only four sacks and questioned the team's leadership as the Redskins spiraled in a 4-12 season under coach Jim Zorn.

New leadership has come, but it's not to Haynesworth's taste. He rankled Shanahan by staying away from the team's voluntary offseason conditioning program, saying he felt the need to work with his own trainer to regain the power and strength he had in previous seasons.

But team and player have a bigger split over the switch to a 3-4. Haynesworth stood out as the only player to boycott the first two minicamps—both voluntary—while hoping the Redskins would trade him. Shanahan firmly said a trade wasn't going to happen.

Haynesworth still wants a trade, preferably before training camp begins late next month. He made it clear in his statement that the current Redskins defensive scheme is not what he signed up for, even though he had to know that changes in defense would be likely over the course of a seven-year contract.

"When I signed here after meeting all day with the staff and top executives, and talked about the defense that we would run and what my role would be, I was assured I would have the freedom to play to my strengths and I was excited about the future," Haynesworth's statement said. "After many years in the NFL, I know what it takes for me to perform at my highest level. My number one goal has always been to help my team win—period.

"It's also important at my position to help free my teammates to make plays, which I've done throughout my career when I've been allowed to play to my strengths. I will continue to work individually to prepare for training camp and the start of the 2010 season."

Haynesworth's declaration caught the Redskins off guard. They were expecting him to be on the practice field Wednesday.

"He'll be here," general manager Bruce Allen said earlier Tuesday, "and we're expecting him to be in good shape."

Grillin' nails third win; Cargo Express triumphs

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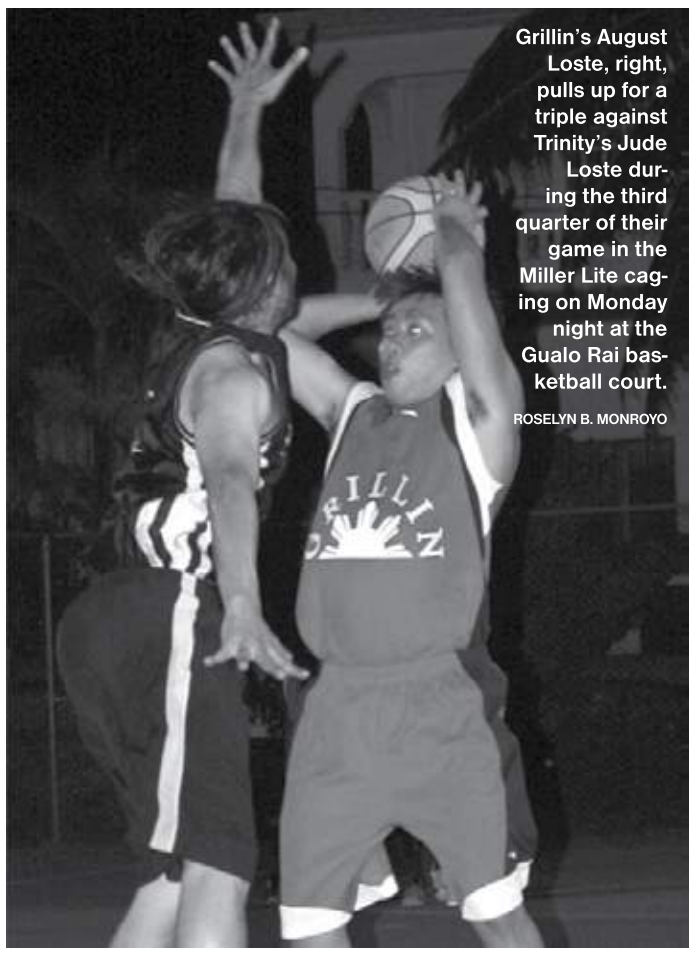
Grillin' notched its third win in the 2010 Miller Lite Invitational Basketball Tournament after outclassing Trinity Estate, 65-58, on Tuesday night at the Gualo Rai basketball court.

Grillin' played better in the second half to improve to a 3-1 record and keep pace with Pool A leaders Magic, Salbaje, and Triple J, which hold identical 3-0 slates.

Rocyl Ritual and Lerio Pagarao led Grillin's second-quarter recovery, as they combined for 18 of the team's 24 points in the third quarter.

Trinity was ahead by six at the break, 30-24, but Ritual scored 10 of his 15 markers in the third, while Pagarao added eight to put Grillin in the driver's seat, 48-40.

Pagarao continued to sizzle in the opening minutes of the fourth quarter, while Jun Itaas finished what his teammates started, scoring seven of Grillin's last eight points en route to a seven-point win.



Grillin's August Loste, right, pulls up for a triple against Trinity's Jude Loste during the third quarter of their game in the Miller Lite caging on Monday night at the Gualo Rai basketball court.

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Pagarao top-scored for Grillin with 23 points.

Eric Dulfo led Trinity's losing cause with his 14 markers. Trinity absorbed its third loss in four games.

Things looked good early for Trinity when Dulfo hit his mark in the opening canto, firing seven markers and giving his team a 16-12 lead. Trinity remained on top in the second quarter, as Dulfo began getting contributions from his teammates.

However, Pagarao and Ritual lit up Grillin's offense in the second half to deny Trinity its second win in the 20-team league.

In the Pool B game, Cargo Express gained its second victory in three games after downing Managaha, 76-66.

After a neck-and-neck first half, Cargo Express broke away in the second half behind Ton Diaz and Alfred Hocog for the 10-point win. Diaz, who was held to a field goal in the first half, tallied 10 points in the third, turning a 36-37 halftime deficit to a 61-51 advantage for Cargo Express, entering the final canto.

Hocog picked up where Diaz left off in the fourth quarter with the former making 11 of his 18 markers in the final frame.

Mhelbert Dela Rama scored 13 points for Managaha, which dropped to a 1-2 record.

First Game

Cargo Express 76 – Hocog 18, Diaz 14, Capalad 13, Isip 7, Galulu 6, Jose 6, Cadag 4, Lavarias 2, Arcanghel 2.

Managaha 66 – Dela Rama 13, Sharry 12, Surima 11, Remilloza 11, Banzagale 4, Launico 4.

Scoring by quarters: 19-18, 36-37, 61-51, 76-66.

Second Game

Grillin 65 – Pagarao 23, Ritual 15, Hernandez 9, Itaas 8, Miguel 2, Loste 2, Sangoyo 1.

Trinity 58 – Dulfo 14, Palacios 12, Cabrera 12, Loste 9, Manuel 5, Mongami 4.

Scoring by quarters: 12-16, 24-30, 48-40, 65-58.

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and Balakrishna had identical net scores of 73.6, but the former won the tiebreak on scorecard playoffs.

Quitugua posted a gross 81, built on a 41s on both nines, while Balakrishna had a 40 and 48 on the front and back nines.

Former Superior Court presiding judge Edward Manibusan finished only eighth in the double-peoria tournament, but submitted the lowest gross score of the day with his 1-over par 73. Manibusan had a 2-over par 38 on the front nine and then redeemed himself on the back with a 1-under par 35.

Besides the Top 5 finishers of the fundraising event, Fil-Taga also gave prizes to nearest to the pin winners; Dan Ganacias (hole No. 3), J.J. Atalig (No. 7), Ted Malaran (No. 2), and Rene Batalliones (No. 14).

Meanwhile, Fil-Taga would like to thank the following for supporting the event: Mobil Oil Marianas, Traders Insurance, IT&E, Docomo Pacific, Triple J 5 Star Wholesale, Yaong Corp., Pacific Trading Co., Western Sales Trading Co., Pacific Wines & Spirits, Aqua Resort Club, COP, Marianas Resort, Luen Fueng, Gold's Gym, Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan, Artman Trash Collection, National Office Supply, Coca-Cola, Saipan Grand Hotel, LF Corporation, Genpro Int'l, S.P.E. Saipan, Jun Calma, Power 99, Yco Corporation, Laolao Bay Golf Resort, Kingfisher Golf Links, CTB, and DFS Galleria.

Part of the proceeds from the tournament will be donated to junior golfer R.J. Macaranas and Karidat.

BRAZIL

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Maicon surprised Ri when he ran down the right side and kicked the ball toward the near post just before it was going out. Ri appeared to be expecting a cross.

Elano later received a threaded pass from Robinho and needed only one touch to shoot the ball past Ri.

"The opener is always harder," Dunga said. "There is the anxiety, the players are more nervous than usual, trying to do too much. But we are satisfied."

Ji Yun Nam pulled one back in the 89th for North Korea, which last played at the 1966 World Cup and reached the quarterfinals.

Jong Tae Se played alone in attack for North Korea and was able to cause some trouble for the Brazilian defenders, but the "People's Rooney" couldn't get one in the net.

"I thought we fought bravely. We defended very well," North Korea coach Kim Jong Hun said. "I think we gained a lot of experience and, for the remaining two games, we have gained confidence."

Drogba, the African Player of the Year who broke his arm during a friendly 11 days ago, came on as a substitute in the 66th minute but had little impact on the Group G game in Port Elizabeth.

Portugal captain Cristiano Ronaldo hit the post early, but Ivory Coast otherwise created the chances in the rainy match.

"We created some more chances than they did," Ivory Coast coach Sven-Goran Eriksson said. "If you think about discipline and organization, I think we were organized for all 90 minutes."

Drogba played with a special protective cast, approved by FIFA, on his arm. But still he was on the bench at the start.

"I spoke to him after training yesterday evening and he said he preferred to be on the bench," Eriksson said. "He said 'Boss, if you need me, I am there.' I hoped we would not need him but we wanted to win the game so we did what we did.

"We did not put any pressure on him."

Reid scored in Rustenburg from a cross by Shane Smeltz, giving New Zealand its first point at a World Cup after losing all its games in its debut in 1982.

"It probably was the most important goal of my life," Reid said. "I didn't see the ball until late. I knew that if I got it on target and didn't hit it too hard, I could just guide it in."

Robert Vittek had given Slovakia the lead in the 50th minute, heading in a cross from Stanislav Sestak after Reid let him move free.

Outside the World Cup stadiums, a strike over pay by the security stewards spread to half the tournament's 10 venues, forcing police to step in and assume their duties.

Several hundred guards walked off the job at Soccer City, the main World Cup stadium in Johannesburg. There was no match there Tuesday.

Police said they also have taken over security at stadiums in Durban, Cape Town and Port Elizabeth.

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Hardwicke, Greg Elliot, Eric Cooke, Yukiomi Adachi, Steve McKagan, Kirk Schuler, Edwin Cruz, Dan Westphal, Daniel Wollak, Eric Atalig, Ruselle Zapanta, and youth players Bradley Brostrom and Bo Barry. John Ravell is the team's manager, while Masatoshi Otsuka is the assistant manager.

The CNMI strikers will face Guam at 4pm this Saturday at the Oleai Sports Complex Field.

The 4th Marianas Football Cup will kick off with a game between the CNMI Women's Team and their Guam counterpart at 2pm.

The CNMI Women's Team has 21 players and included on the list are Anna Manibusan, Lynique Oveson, Natalie Hill, Madison Smith, Carrie Knight, Lindsay Davis, Katie Peters, Zoe Jewell, Brianna Martin, Amanda Allen, Elisa Fejeran, Nola Hix, Lakell Villegas, Michiko Tenorio, Corina Suda, Michelle Masga, Amber Roberts, Rebecca Newman, Maryana Gramlich, Juliana Muna, and Rachel Ann Masga.

Masatoshi will be the women's squad's team manager while Emily Maxberry is the assistant coach.

The CNMI will be aiming to end its losing skid against Guam in this year's Marianas Cup. Guam won the first three editions, winning twice in its home turf and once on Saipan in 2007.

The CNMI and Guam strikers will be playing in the rehabilitated pitch at the Oleai Sports Complex. The pitch underwent repairs and rehabilitation for almost a month and was off limits for public use until two weeks ago. Last week, players in the men's league used the much-improved pitch for the first time and yesterday, members of the CNMI Men's Team had their practice at the sports facility. Guam will not be able to use the pitch before the Saturday match, as they will arrive on Saipan on Friday.

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advanced to the semifinals.

Rastguiy swept Pool B matches after recording her fourth win against FSM's Sunshine Palik yesterday, 6-0, 6-0. Ackerman finished second in Pool A with her 3-1 record and will face Rastguiy in the crossover semifinals. Pool A top placer Ayana Rengiil, who booted out Emily Jones in the semis with a 6-1, 6-4 win yesterday, will duel Pool B No. 2 finisher Nadine Del Carmen of Guam in the other semis pairing.

In the boys U14 division, the CNMI claimed all two top spots with Christian Miller sweeping his Pool A assignment, following a 6-1, 6-0 win over FSM's David Panuelo.

In Pool B, Jake Lee went 5-0 after downing the second-running Kaito Fuji of Palau, 6-1, 6-3. With Lee and Miller in the semis, the CNMI is now guaranteed two slots in the boys U14 age group. Only the Top 4 players in U14 (no more than two representatives for one nation) will make it to POJC.

Miller will be paired against Fuji in the first semis game today, while Lee will square off against teammate Chris Park in the other semifinal match.

In the girls U14, the CNMI are also assured of two POJC berths after Melody Johnson and Mikayla Lopez advanced to the semifinals.

Johnson finished second in Pool A and still gained a semis ticket despite losing to Katie Lai of Guam yesterday, 6-4, 4-6, 5-7. Lopez also dropped her last game in Pool B against Guam's Chloe Gadsden.

In the semifinals, Johnson will face Gadsden, while Lopez will take on Lai.

In the U18 division, the CNMI's chances of sweeping the four slots (two each in the boys and girls) is out of reach. The most that the Commonwealth could get are two spots.

Siblings Thea and Theecel Minor advanced to the semifinals after placing first and second in their respective pools, but they will square off for a finals ticket today.

Thea swept Pool A, following a 6-0, 6-3 win over Palau's Abigail Gbewonyo, while Theecel lost to Alyssa Hawkins of FSM in Pool B, 6-4, 6-2. Theecel, Hawkins, and Guam's Charlayne Espinosa finished the pool play with identical 3-1 records. Hawkins ended up getting the top spot with her 7-2 sets win-loss slate, while Theecel claimed the second spot after a 6-2 slate. Espinosa carded a 6-3 mark.

In the round robin boys' U18 age group, Rafael Jones is undefeated in five games and is already guaranteed a spot on the North Pacific Team. He booked two wins yesterday, beating Daniel Park, 6-4, 6-2, and Matthew Lopez, 6-0, 6-0. Jones will battle the No. 1 spot against Guam's Martin Lai today.

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AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	41	23	.641	—
Tampa Bay	41	23	.641	—
Boston	38	28	.576	4
Toronto	35	31	.530	7
Baltimore	18	47	.277	23 1/2

Central Division

Minnesota	37	27	.578	—
Detroit	34	29	.540	2
Chicago	29	34	.460	7 1/2
Kansas City	28	37	.431	9 1/2
Cleveland	25	38	.397	11 1/2

West Division

Texas	36	28	.563	—
Los Angeles	36	32	.529	2
Oakland	33	33	.500	4
Seattle	24	41	.369	12 1/2

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

Atlanta	37	28	.569	—
New York	36	28	.563	1/2
Philadelphia	32	30	.516	3 1/2
Florida	31	33	.484	5 1/2
Washington	31	34	.477	6

Central Division

Cincinnati	36	29	.554	—
St. Louis	36	29	.554	—
Chicago	28	36	.438	7 1/2
Milwaukee	28	37	.431	8
Houston	25	40	.385	11
Pittsburgh	23	41	.359	12 1/2

West Division

San Diego	38	27	.585	—
Los Angeles	37	27	.578	1/2
San Francisco	36	28	.563	1 1/2
Colorado	33	31	.516	4 1/2
Arizona	26	39	.400	12

Yesterday's Games

Chicago White Sox 6, Pittsburgh 4
N.Y. Mets 7, Cleveland 6
N.Y. Yankees 8, Philadelphia 3
Detroit 7, Washington 4
Boston 6, Arizona 3
Tampa Bay 10, Atlanta 4
Texas 3, Florida 2
Oakland 9, Chicago Cubs 5
Minnesota 9, Colorado 3
Kansas City 15, Houston 7
St. Louis 4, Seattle 2
Milwaukee 7, L.A. Angels 1
San Diego 8, Toronto 2
Baltimore 4, San Francisco 1

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Tsunami Saipan Recognition Day

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Above, Kaito Yanai, right, hugs Tsunami Saipan Swimming Center president Stan Good after winning the outstanding swimmer award for the 2009-2010 season during the club's recognition day early this month at the Kan Pacific Swimming Pool.

Tsunami Saipan swimmers with the most attendance were also recognized.

Rookie of the Year, Lukas Kang, center, joins Stan Good and Hiro Kimura for a group photo.

Swimmers and coaches of Tsunami Saipan perform their traditional team cheer to end the recognition day.

Right, Tsunami Saipan swimmers pose with Keiko Okamura, front row right, who received a special award from for coaching the club.

Far right, Tsunami Saipan swimmers wait for their turn to answer trivia questions.

From left, Kai Staal, Shin Kimura, Rezne Wong, and Kensuke Kimura were recognized for representing Tsunami Saipan to off-island tournaments.

The record-breakers for Tsunami Saipan pose with Stan Good, left, and coach Hiro Kimura.

Shin Kimura, left, asks Tsunami Saipan's beginners one of the several trivia questions about the team.

Coach Hiro Kimura, right, assists in the handing of prizes for winners in Tsunami Saipan's trivia game.

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CNMI assured of 8 tickets to POJC

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The CNMI Junior Tennis Team booked eight early tickets to the 2010 Pacific Oceania Junior Championships, following conclusion of pool play in the 2010 North Pacific Qualifying tennis tournament.

Chris Cajigan gave the CNMI its first slot on the North Pacific Team that will compete in POJC in Fiji after winning his semifinals game in the boys' U12 division yesterday.

Cajigan shut out Guam's Gavin Lee in the semis, 6-0, 6-0, to set up a final duel against the Federated States of Micronesia's Terry Rush. Rush foiled an all-CNMI finals in the boys U12 division after beating Carl Dela Cruz, 6-4, 6-0.

With Cajigan in the finals, the CNMI is already assured of one slot on the North Pacific team that will compete against the East and West squads in Lautoka this August. If Dela Cruz wins his consolation game against Lee today, the former will give the CNMI another spot on the North Pacific squad.

Only the Top 3 finishers in the U12 competition (boys and girls) will get tickets to Fiji and an island-nation is allowed to have only two entries in the said age group.

In the girls U12 division, the CNMI boosted its chances to get two seats after Tammy Ackerman and Negahr Ratguiy

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ROSELYN B. MONROYO
Jake Lee serves against Palau's Kaito Fuji during their game in the boys U12 division of the 2010 North Pacific Qualifying tennis tournament yesterday at the American Memorial Park tennis court.

Fair tops RP Independence golf

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IT&E regional manager for costumer service Darrell Fair bested 59 other golfers to win the 112th Philippine Independence Open Golf Tournament last Saturday.

Fair tallied a net 72.6 in the Fil-Taga Golfers Association-organized tournament played at the Coral Ocean Point, earning him the top purse of $800 and a championship trophy. Fair recorded a handicap of 14.4 and shot a 42 and 45 on the front and back nines, respectively for a gross score of 87.

In second place was local golfer Carl Hocog, who logged a net 73.2 after a consistent game in the longest course on the island. Hocog posted 42s on both nines, giving him a gross 84 and the $500 prize.

Junior golfer Jun Yi Piao finished third and went home with $300. Piao was one of the few golfers who scored in the 70s (gross) at the tough Agingan Point course after firing a 77. He drilled a 39 in the first nine holes and improved his game a bit in the last nine with a 38.

Completing the Top 5 were Danilo Quitugua and Steve Balakrishna, who finished fourth and fifth, respectively, and received in-kind prizes. Quitugua

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CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
IT&E regional manager for costumer service Darrell Fair prepares to make a putt in hole No. 5 during the 112th Philippine Independence Open Golf Tournament last Sunday at Coral Ocean Point.

Brazil breaks through North Korean defense to win, 2-1

Brazil's Robinho, second from left, controls the ball during the World Cup group G soccer match between Brazil and North Korea at Ellis Park Stadium in Johannesburg, South Africa, Tuesday, June 15, 2010.
AP

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JOHANNESBURG (AP)—Brazil needed almost an hour to break through the North Korean defense before pulling off a 2-1 win Tuesday, and Didier Drogba and his broken right arm made their debut at this year's World Cup in Ivory Coast's 0-0 draw against Portugal.

Maicon scored from an almost impossible angle in the 55th minute and Elano added the other in the 72nd to give the five-time champion Brazilians three points in their opening Group G match at Ellis Park.

But the win didn't come easy, with the little-known North Koreans playing almost the entire team behind the ball to stifle Brazil's potent attack for most of the match.

"It is important to start with a victory and we did it," Maicon said. "It was a good step toward our goal of being in the final on July 11."

Also, Winston Reid headed in an equalizing goal in injury time to give New Zealand a 1-1 draw with Slovakia in Group F.

Brazil struggled to get through the clogged area in front of North Korea goalkeeper Ri Myong Guk, but

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NMIFA names Marianas Cup roster

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Northern Mariana Islands Football Association has named the members of the CNMI Men's and Women's Teams that will challenge long-time rival Guam in the 4th Annual Marianas Football Club.

The CNMI Men's Team listed 22 players on its roster and will be led by returnees Joe Miller, Nick Swaim, Jason Schroeder, Ben Wood, Peter Houk, Brad Ruszala, Gilmark Reusora, and goalie Chris Nelson.

Completing the team are Evan Hunsberger, Adam

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Bradley Brostrom joins the CNMI Men's Team in practice yesterday at the Oleai Sports Complex Field.